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NOW THAT Christmas is over get your resolutions ready for the new year.

IT IS time an inspector of wires were appointed. Will the mayor leave the city in danger from overhead wires for another year?

OUR ATTENTION has been called to a reference to THE SUN in the VOX. Our esteemed but seldom seen contemporary claims to have set THE SUN on the right track on the gas question. The VOX may have talked cheaper gas but if so it was without our knowledge. Glad it struck the right chord for once in its career.

RELIEF SUNDAY proved very successful in inaugurating the relief movement and starting a fund for the amelioration of the poor. When Mr. Greenhalge puts his shoulder to the wheel in a case of this kind, he is sure to set the machinery a moving. His address was of the right sort, eloquent and broad in its charity. It is to be hoped that the meeting will accomplish much in the relief of distress. The unpretentious meeting at St. Patrick's church did well in contributing $1600.

IT WOULD not be out of place it seems for the Central Labor union to give its views upon the merits of the proposed purchase of the additional park land at the present juncture. The price is too high and even if it were not the present is not the time for making such improvements. The land syndicate could afford to wait as it as waited since 1887 to have the city purchase its land. The money might be letter expended, but should not be expended at all at the present time.

"VIVE L'ANARCHIE!"

The manifesto of the anarchists addressed to the French government is one of the most audacious documents issued in modern times. It is high time for the civilized nations of the world to unite in a treaty for their mutual protection against this fell society. It is all nonsense to tolerate a society of such dangerous proclivities. It is tantamount to allowing a gang of incendiaries linger in our streets. The anarchist strikes at the root of the social system, at the foundation of representative government, and must therefore be an outlaw. To tolerate the existence of such an organization is the mistake made by this and other nations. Anarchists should not be allowed to exist in any civilized country. They should be banished or executed. Every fresh exploit in which these anarchists are involved, but adds to their boldness and increases the danger from their attacks. The nations can easily suppress anarchy if they only adopt stringent measures.

CAUCUS LAW REFORM.

It appears that the legislative committee appointed to investigate the caucus laws will report some recommendations for adoption. These will practically include the system of balloting for candidates by the Australian system as carried out recently in Lawrence. It will also have provisions for preventing voters from taking part in the caucuses of a party to which they do not belong. The officers will be paid by the city and will be chosen under a special provision of the new law. There is great need of some such clause as this, for at present candidates often pack caucuses in their own interest with men who vote in a different party and who want to see them nominated and defeated on election day.

BUSINESS PROSPECTS.

The Weekly Financial Review, published by Henry Clews of New York, has the following in regard to the business prospects for the immediate future:

The tariff question continues to keep business in an unsettled condition and may be expected to do so until the new duties are finally fixed. Consequently, the best that can be anticipated for the next few weeks, is a hand-to-hand business. Discouraging as this may seem, it is not without some alleviations. A market of exhausted stock has always certain advantages over a glutted one. Makers and holders of merchandise, in such conditions, have it in their power to support prices and to make profits, though it be upon largely reduced sales. Nor is it to be overlooked that the tariff prospects and the depression in business are combining to exclude competition from foreign goods and hence the large falling off in the current imports. There can be no doubt of that, in most branches of trade, the production still continues much behind the consumption. This foreshadows an ultimate ... of jobbers' and retailers' ... that ... leave a large ... in the ... filling of which ... be ... a position to ... therefore to be expected that so soon as the new duties are settled, there will be a considerable revival of industrial activity. The re-starting of production will give more general employment to labor and the working million will gradually resume its wonted position as an element of demand, and the country will, step by step, regain its wonted prosperity. During the intervening period of inactivity, business can only remain severely contracted; but the country will feel that it can afford to wait provided there is a hopeful prospect beyond.

Case of a Positive Man and How He Was Bluffed.

Well down toward the front end of the smoking car sat four or five men, and one of them was a man of gab. Not only that, but he was a positive man—an aggressive man—a decided man. He was free with his opinions and beliefs, and one listening to him got the idea that he was the sort of man who believed he was dead right and was willing to put up his cash in defense of his opinion. Opposite me sat a drummer for a Cincinnati house, and as I saw him looking over the top of his paper and apparently trying to size the man up I observed:

"Don't you like to meet with a positive man?"

"Positive!" he blurted out. "I can make him take water in five minutes!"

"Well, I don't know about that!"

"Then I'll show you. Lend me your handkerchief, please. Now, if you will trust me, let me take what small bills you have."

He took his handkerchief and mine and made a "wad." Around it he wrapped about $40 in greenbacks, making a roll of boodle which he could hardly put into his pocket. Then he nodded to me and we went forward and, after a minute he said to the man of gab:

"I have a little wager with my friend here. How many times did Abraham Lincoln serve as president?"

"Two, of course," was the reply.

"Are you positive?"

"Certainly I am."

"Didn't he serve three?"

"No, sir. What's the matter with you?"

"The matter is I think he served three terms, and I am willing to bet on it. Come now, have much have you got that says he only served two terms?"

"How much? Why, man, I'll bet you a hundred to one."

"Put 'er right up!" says the drummer as he pulled out his roll. "I don't want no such odds as that; just say two or three to one."

"I don't want to rob you," replied the man of gab, with his hand in his pocket.

"Put 'er up! Here's $1,000 to $2,000 that says you're dead wrong!"

"I'll—I'll take you even for $500."

"Put 'er up! Money talks!" howled the drummer. "I say three terms, and here's the long green."

"Why, man, we all know that"——

"We don't either! You say two terms, and I say three. I offered you even money, but I'll do better. Here's $1,000 to $500. Select your own stakeholder."

"It doesn't seem as if I could be mistaken," mused the positive man.

"Put up, I say!" shouted the drummer as he waved his boodle in the air. "I'll go you $1,000 to $500 that he served three terms!"

"Well, it may be possible, of course, but I'm so sure of it that"——

"Then put up! Here's $1,000 to $200."

"I guess I won't bet. We are all liable to be mistaken, you know, and perhaps it was three terms."

The drummer and I walked back and sat down and lighted fresh cigars, and as he returned me my property he said:

"You see, you don't want to size a man up too quickly. There are positive men and there are men of gab. There are aggressive men and there are men of brag. When you can't tell the difference, try my way. When you shake a big roll at a man, one of two things will happen. If he's a positive man, down comes his cash. If he's only a windmill on legs, he'll crawfish. I could have bluffed that chap over a stone wall with a $10 bill."—Detroit Free Press.

How the Chinese Do Things.

The Chinese do everything backward. They reverse the usual order of civilization exactly. They completely invert our methods.

Note first that the Chinese compass points to the south instead of the north.

The men wear skirts and the women trousers.

The men wear their hair long, and the women wear it short.

The men carry on dressmaking, and the women carry burdens.

The written language of China is not written, and the written language is not spoken.

Books are read backward, and what we call footnotes are inserted at the top of the page.

The Chinese surname comes first instead of last.

The Chinese shake their own hands instead of the hands of those they would greet.

The Chinese dress in white at funerals and in mourning at weddings, while old women always serve as bridesmaids.

The Chinese launch their vessels sideways and mount their horses from the off side.

The Chinese begin dinner with dessert and end with soup and fish.—Boston Globe.

Family Degeneration.

If a large percentage of histories of family degeneration can be traced in the offspring of parents who have passed the prime of life, how much larger must the percentage of family degeneration be that is due to physical exhaustion from overwork or the lack of sufficient light and fresh air. The sense of fatigue arises from the blood becoming charged with wasted products, and from the blood thus loaded bathing the higher nerve centers. The pauper is always at the stage when any exertion is an effort. The disinclination for exertion may be the result of an inherited nutritive condition. The character of the defect in the children of devitalized parents is a lack of mental vigor. In the children of overworked parents development does not proceed far enough to bring the higher control centers of the brain to perfected growth.

After great physical exhaustion the stomach is tired, it is often unable to digest heavy and coarse food, and nature calls for something light—liquid of some kind, broth, tea, etc., alcohol and the like. To this cause may be assigned the reason why the consumption of tea, alcohol and spirits of different kinds is so largely on the increase.—Mrs. Woodhull Martin.

Then the Other Fellow Dropped Out.

Highwayman—Hold up your hands. What have you got?

Jack Potts (leveling a brace of self cockers)—Two sixes.—Truth.

OLDEN FESTIVITIES.

WILD REVELS CELEBRATED THE CHRISTMAS OF LONG AGO.

Survivals of the Roman Saturnalia and the Feasts of Janus—Episode of the Fourteenth Century in Paris, When Four Nobles Perished at Court.

In spite of clerical protests, in spite of anathemas, in spite of the condemnation of the more thoughtful and the more virtuous, Christmas in the earlier days frequently reproduced all the worst orgies, the debauchery and indecency of the bacchanalia and the saturnalia. Even the clergy were whirled into the vortex. A special celebration called the feast of fools had been instituted in their behalf, with a view, said the doctors of the church, "that the folly which is natural to and born with us might exhale at least once a year."

If even among the clergy heathen traditions survived so strenuously, what wonder that they survived among the laity? The wild revels indeed of the Christmas period in olden times almost stagger belief. License was carried to the fullest extent of licentiousness. Even in the seventeenth century, when the festivities had been slightly toned down, Master William Prynne discovered in them the vestiges of paganism which are apparent enough to the historians of today.

"If we compare," he says in his "Histrio-Mastix," "our bacchanalian Christmas and New Year's tides with these saturnalia and feasts of Janus, we shall find such near affinitye between them both in regard of time—they being both in the end of December and on the 1st of January—and in their manner solemnizing—both being spent in revelling, epicurism, wantonnesse, idlenesse, dancing, drinking, stage plaies, masques and carnall pomp and jollity—that we must needs conclude the one to be but the ape, or issue, of the other."

Yet the practices which Stubbes and Prynne condemned were mild and tame compared with the excesses practiced at the French court for centuries. Inebriety ran rampant. No wonder that in the period of torches and wooden palaces accidents frequently occurred which more than once involved provinces in mourning.

Memorable above all other episodes of this sort was the catastrophe which occurred at Paris in 1393. The Christmas festivities had been partaken of in the wildest spirit of riot and disorder. But the court was not yet satisfied. Then Sir Hugonin de Guisay, the most reckless among all the reckless spirits of the period, suggested that as an excuse for prolonging the merriment a marriage should be arranged between two of the court attendants. This was eagerly agreed upon.

The management was intrusted to Sir Hugonin himself. He was well fitted for anything wild and unusual. He was loved and admired by the disorderly as ardently as he was hated and feared by the orderly, for it was his pleasant habit to exercise his wit upon tradesmen and mechanics, whom he would accost in the street, prick with his spurs and compel to creep on all fours and bark like dogs before he released them. Such were the traits which endeared him to the courtiers of his most gracious majesty and Christian king of France.

The marriage passed off in a blaze of glory with an accompaniment of attendant Gargantuan pleasantry. At the height of the ceremonies Sir Hugonin quietly withdrew with the king and four other wild ones—scions of the noblest houses in France. With a pot of tar and a quantity of tow the six conspirators were speedily changed into very fair imitations of the dancing bears then very common in mountebanks' booths. A mask completed the transformation. Five were then bound together by means of a silken rope cut from the tapestry. The sixth, the king himself, led them into the hall. Their appearance created a general sensation. "Who are they?" was the cry. No one could answer.

At this moment entered the wildest of all the wild dukes of Orleans. "Who are they?" he echoed between hiccoughs. "Well, we'll soon find out." Seizing a brand from one of the torchbearers ranged along the wall, he staggered forward. Some gentlemen attempted to stay him. But he was obstinate and quarrelsome. Main force could not be thought of against a prince of the blood. He was given his way. He thrust his torch under the chin of the nearest of the maskers. The tow caught fire. In a moment the whole group was enveloped in flames. Presence of mind or common sobriety might have saved them. But there was none of the latter there and but two instances of the former.

The young Duchess of Berry seized the king and enveloped him in her ample robe. Thus he was saved. Another masker, the lord of Nantouillet—noted for strength and agility, rent the silken rope with a wrench of his strong teeth, pitched himself like a flaming comet through the first window and dived into a cistern in the court, whence he emerged black and smoking, but almost unhurt.

As for the other four, they whirled hither and thither through the horrified mob, struggling with each other, fighting with the flames, cursing, shrieking with pain. Women fainted by scores. Men who had never faltered in a hundred fights sickened at the hideous spectacle. All Paris was roused by the uproar and gathered, an excited mob, about the palace. All sorts of reports were current, that the princes were engaged in deadly strife being the one most credited. At last the flames burned out. The four maskers lay a black and writhing heap on the floor. One was a mere cinder. A second survived till daybreak. A third died at noon the next day. The fourth—no other than Sir Hugonin himself—survived for three days, while all Paris rejoiced over his agonies. "Bark, dog, bark!" was the cry with which the citizens saluted his charred and mangled corpse when it was at last borne to the grave.—New York Herald.

her with admiration; young and old greeted her smilingly, even portly burgomasters murmured as they met her, "God bless that sweet young creature!" while the poor people exclaimed aloud, "God bless the widow and her daughter for their goodness and charity to us!"

These two were but simple working people, yet all Nuremberg honored them. Every one knew that Dame Gudule Dachs when left a widow with her child to bring up and her husband's debts to pay, had set about bravely to perform the task. She had become the most successful embroiderer in the town, her daughter had soon grown celebrated for her taste in designing new patterns, and now the widow owed nothing and could hardly fill all the orders she received from the richest ladies in the land.

As the people entered the church the organ's peal rose to the vaulted roof, and Widow Gudule, kneeling at Christine's side, heard her murmured prayer: "Sweet Saviour Jesus, protect him! Bring him back to us that I may tell him I have not forgotten him!"

The mother smiled sadly, for she had had experience of the world, and she knew that with young people remembrance often fades. Every Christmas eve Christine had said, "Suppose he should come tonight!" and when her mother tried to explain how unlikely it was that the youth who for a single hour had been their guest should ever think of them again the girl only shook her head and answered, "He will come."

The widow was growing uneasy, for her daughter was 16 years old.

Suddenly, just as the priest turned round to administer communion to the faithful, a voice in the choir rose above the organ's strains, and Christine's face was transfigured as she whispered, "It is he!"

Oh, that beautiful voice—powerful, impassioned, yet as sweet as if it came straight from heaven!

"Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth" it sang, and Christine, carried out of herself as she listened, wept softly and wondered whether it were not indeed an angel's voice. With a saddened look in her soft blue eyes, she followed her mother out of the church, casting a wistful, timid glance up the dark winding staircase which led to the choir, and the widow, who also had recognized the voice, hurried her daughter away.

When they reached the street, the girl looked about her in vain, for there was no sign of the red cap and dark curls of the young lute player, no strange figure was to be seen except a tall man wrapped in a handsome cloak and wearing a gold embroidered cap which glistened in the moonlight. When the two women arrived at their home, this person stepped quickly up, and with a bow said:

"Merry Christmas to you, Dame Gudule! Merry Christmas, Miss Christine! Will you let the Florentine singer share your supper once again?"

"I knew he would come, mother!" cried Christine, and the widow, in spite of her misgivings, almost against her will, added:

"He is welcome as before."

They all entered the house and when the girl had lighted the candles on the supper table Maso Napone gazed round the room eagerly. It was unchanged, and he even recognized the old chest on which he, the poor orphan minstrel, had laid his cloak and lute on that night eight years before. When Maso took off his cloak, Christine was astonished to see that the slender stripling had become a strong, handsome man, who looked at her with smiling admiration. Her simple yet well fitting blue gown showed her graceful figure to advantage. While she filled his cup Maso said to her, "One night take you for an angel now."

Then he related how Master Kriegwinckel had brought him up and taught him and been a father to him. The old man was dead now, and Maso once more traveled about to earn his living by singing. But he went as a great artist, not a poor vagabond. Kings and princes wrote asking him to come and sing to them, just as the master had predicted. He was rich and honored, and yet he was not happy, for he was alone.

"Dame Gudule," he added after a pause, "you once gave me a mother's kiss—will you now accept me as your son? Will you let me ask Christine if she remembers her promise?"

"I remember," murmured the girl, while her mother smiled and nodded.

"You promised not to forget me, and to love me all your life," he said, taking her hand. "I have always thought of you, and I love you, Christine, my little Christmas rose! Sweetheart, will you be my wife?"

"I knew you would come back," was all her answer.

Then Maso put upon her finger a gold ring set with precious stones, and said gayly, as he kissed her lips:

"A queen gave me this ring, and I kept it for you, my darling, that are more precious than all the queens on earth!"—J. Colomb in Short Stories.

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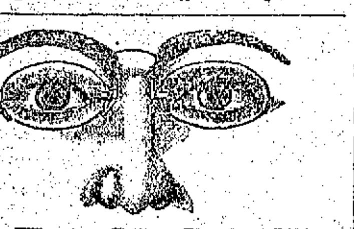

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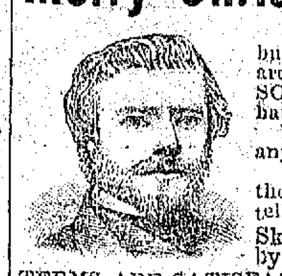

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THE SUN is the only penny paper in Lowell receiving cable and telegraphic despatches. Most of the news items in this issue can be found in the other local papers tomorrow, if you are willing to wait till then.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Stop that swindle Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Pickman has been vaccinated.

Kill the Fort Hill park swindle and save the people's money.

The common council will meet in regular session at 8 o'clock this evening.

Democrats and republicans alike depend on you Mr. Mayor to kill that swindle.

Kill the Fort Hill park swindle and save the public money for better purposes.

Mayor Pickman, the people of Lowell want you to veto the Fort Hill park robbery.

Do your duty, Mayor Pickman. Stand by the people. Kill the Fort Hill Park scheme.

The employes of dyeing room in the Bunting mills were sent out to be vaccinated this afternoon.

A police court session was held yesterday at which eight were released and about 30 either fined or sentenced.

The only intention recorded at the city clerk's office today was: Amede Poctier 25, to Rosanna Desailliers 18.

How about a committee of the city council to investigate the methods by which the Fort Hill park robbery is to be committed.

Dr. Thomas F. Harrington denies the statement made in the Globe that he is a candidate for city physician. He says he would not have time to attend to the duties of the office.

A large number of young men attended the turkey dinner given to young men away from home by the Y. M. C. A., at its rooms yesterday.

The Fort Hill park extension scheme has been promoted by questionable methods and if not reconsidered will bring disgrace on the city.

How did the syndicate succeed in running through the city council a scheme rejected by the people? The people will soon know the reason.

The public is not cognizant of the deals at the bottom of the Fort Hill park extension. The allegations of fraud are heard on all sides and THE SUN will if necessary expose the whole affair.

Baby Lue, the juvenile wonder who was to have performed at the Opera house yesterday, was forbidden to do so by Agent Drury of the Humane society. The agent considered the child too young.

The pupils of the Butler and Edson schools are requested to attend the manual training school Wednesday evening, and those from the Greene and Pawtucket schools from 4 to 6 o'clock same day.

Mr. Geo. Blair, of the corner of School and Broadway showed his philanthropic qualities by donating a barrel of flour to each of his tenants as a Christmas gift. Such landlords as Mr. Blair should never have a vacant tenement.

THE SUN will print all the facts in the Fort Hill Park robbery if it be finally passed. An injunction may then be obtained to prevent the transfer because fraud vitiates the action of the city council or even of larger legislative bodies.

On Sunday the Alpine club held a well attended meeting at which William McElfolm was elected president for the ensuing year. In the evening the club paid their respect to Mr. and Mrs. William Cassidy, a newly married member of the club.

DEATHS.

Mary A. Rooney, aged 16 years, daughter of Thomas and Margaret Rooney, died Sunday, at their home, 177 Adams street.

Another old resident was removed from our midst last Saturday evening. Leonard Worcester, aged 80 years, died at his home, 75 Bartlett street. He had been ill for some time. He was a native of Salem, and came to this city 47 years ago and engaged in the business of merchant tailor, which he followed until his retirement some years ago. He was a member of Oberlin Lodge and Wannalancit Encampment, I. O. O. F. and the Old Resident's Association. His surviving family consists of a widow, three sons, William H., Eben C., and Leonard A., the two last named residents in this city, and Martha P., treasurer of the D. L. Page company.

Sewall Bowers, father of City Engineer Bowers, and an old and highly respected citizen of this city, died Sunday at his home on Wood street, where he was born and had resided during his lifetime. He leaves a widow and two sons. Deceased was 83 years old.

Ellen Devine, aged 33 years, died yesterday at her home, 53 Willie street.

Catherine Johnson, aged 58 years, died yesterday at her home, 120 Walker street.

John Golding infant child of Thomas and Ellen Golding, died yesterday at their home. 508 Market street. The funeral took place at 2 o'clock this afternoon and the remains were interred in the Catholic cemetery.

Fred N. Berkinshaw, child of Fred and Lizzie Berkinshaw, died yesterday at their home, 118 Appleton street. The remains were forwarded to Ashuelot, N. H., for interment.

Inberg E., beloved daughter of William and Mary Wilson, died at her parents' residence, 4 Bateman's block, today, aged 7 months.

Sarah R. Clement, wife of Daniel W. Clement, died yesterday, aged 56 years. The funeral will occur from her late residence, 35 School street, on Wednesday afternoon.

Joseph Wholey, aged 12 years, died this morning at his home, 359 Stevens street. His death was the result of an accident from coasting, resulting in blood poisoning. He attended the Highland school. Funeral Thursday at 3 p. m.

Mrs. Ann Masterson of Central street, died Sunday evening at 12 o'clock, with the grip and heart trouble. She leaves three daughters, Lizzie, Sarah and Tillie to mourn her loss. Funeral at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Mrs. Ellen Kehoe, wife of ex-Councilman Kehoe, died Sunday evening, at her home in Cosgrove street. Her age was 34 years.

McManmon, florist, Prescott & Merr'k sts.

A Thoughtful Act.

Among the many good deeds done yesterday, was that by which Mrs. Noel, wife of the unfortunate checker who lost a leg on the railroad last week, became the recipient of money raised at a benefit party, [illegible] of $100.

SMALL POX IN LOWELL.

Dread Scourge Claims a Patient and the Pest House an Inmate.

Timothy Donahoe, a Bartender, Found to be Suffering With Small Pox, and the Board of Health Takes Immediate Precautionary Measures to Prevent the Spread of the Infection.

For three weeks past, or ever since small pox first made its appearance in Boston, the board of health has had the old pest house at the city farm ready for use. A man has been kept in it, for the purpose of keeping it cleanly and well heated. The board feared that the infection would be brought to Lowell.

Their fears were well grounded; small pox was found on Crosby street yesterday afternoon.

The victim is Timothy Donahoe, a bartender for Martin Halloran on Crosby street, and lives in the block on Newhall street near the corner of Crosby street.

Donahoe was taken ill four days ago and according to the story current last night he was treated for scarlet fever. Yesterday Dr. Edward J. Welch was called in and seeing the condition of the patient and thinking it might be small pox called in Dr. Plunkett. He pronounced it small pox, and the board of health was notified. The board immediately gave its attention to the case, and called in Dr. Hermon J. Smith to pass upon the disease. Dr. Smith agreed with Dr. Plunkett that it was the dreaded small pox.

The old covered cart which was used in 1871, during the small pox epidemic, was brought into use and the patient removed from his home to the pest house.

The house was declared in quarantine and Chief Howard detailed officers for guard duty.

The board of health held a meeting at 10 o'clock this morning, in order to consider the case, and to decide upon further movements.

The origin of the case is a mystery. Mr. Donahoe has not been out of town, or visited anyone who has come from Boston.

The house was immediately fumigated, the members of the board themselves attending to the important duty.

The Danger Signal.

Last night a red lantern was hung from the door of the house, and the house locked up.

Opinions as to how small pox came into Lowell have little weight. The infection is here and it is the first case.

Reports from the pest house this morning indicate that Mr. Donahoe will have only a light run of the disease.

Of course there are stories afloat in the neighborhood that others are ill of the trouble, but it is only natural that people will talk. At present there seems to be no foundation for this. Mr. Donohoe had been visiting many houses before taken ill, and of course the people are frightened.

Already the rush for vaccination has begun. Yesterday Ellingwood & Co., received an unexpected order for 50 vaccine points, later in the day for 50 more, and already the work has commenced. It is seven years ago or thereabouts that the board of health gave free vaccination at the old rooms in the bank block on Shattuck street, at the time of a little scare.

History of the Case.

The following history of the small pox case was authorized by the board of health this noon, and given out for the information of the public by Mr. Bayles: "Timothy Donahoe, a bartender, living at the corner of Kinsman and Crosby street, was taken ill a week ago last Friday. Dr. McAvinnue was called in and gave medical attention believing it to be a case of scarlet fever. Small pox in its incipient stage cannot be diagnosed as small pox. A week ago tonight Dr. Welch took charge of the case and treated Donahue for fever.

"Yesterday Dr. Welch became suspicious of the case and called in Dr. Plunkett, who examined the patient pronounced it small pox and at once the board of health was informed.

"The board called upon Dr. H. J. Smith for an opinion and he confirmed Dr. Plunkett's report.

"Dr. Field of the board was out of town but the other members of the board took John Dolan, who has been at work at the pest house for a fortnight, and together they removed Timothy Donahoe to the pest house, together with his clothing and bedding. The board immediately sent for Mrs. Reed, the veteran nurse, who had served through the epidemic of '72 and '85 to take charge of the pest house. The house had been equipped with new bedding, furniture, a cooking range and utensils.

Another Patient.

"With Timothy was taken his brother Dennis, who was not feeling well. His brother will aid in the care of the patient, unless he also is stricken with the disease.

"At the pest house now are the two patients, Mrs. Reed in charge, a woman to do general work, from the city farm, John Dolan to do the heavy work.

"Officer Provencher was detailed for duty at the house to guard it night and day and the officer will stay there, being relieved daytimes by another officer.

"In the house are Dennis, senior, and four daughters, together with three women who room there. They have been vaccinated, and all will be kept within the house, which has been declared in quarantine. The house is a double tenement one, and the other half has been thoroughly fumigated.

"One of the little girls in the house had been visiting the house on the opposite corner occupied by a family named Blessington. This house was thoroughly fumigated this morning.

Other Suspicious Cases.

In the rear of the house is a block in which are two sick girls, Hannah Finnegan, daughter of Donald Finnegan, and Mary Murphy. The girls had been ill with what the doctors say is small pox. One has been ill for four and the other for three weeks. Being convalescent the danger is past, and the nature of the disease determined only by past indications. This house has been isolated as a precautionary measure.

Vaccination Ordered.

"The board of health acting under the law has ordered the mill and corporation officials to have all their operatives vaccinated.

"The board does not order general vaccination, but will require the pupils of the Butler school to be looked after. The board wishes to urge upon every one the necessity of being vaccinated. All those who apply will be vaccinated at the board of health office.

"The board started the work this morning by each member, themselves, undergoing treatment, besides Major T. O. Allen, and all employes of the health department."

The board wishes that every physician will report any and all suspicious cases at once, in order to aid in preventing any spread of the disease.

An Interesting Reminiscence.

Mr. John Ring, in 1871, during the epidemic, was employed to hunt up cases of small pox. John Small, now dead, drove the pest cart.

PERSONAL.

E. E. Long, of the Providence Telegram, spent the holiday at his home in this city.

Miss I. M. Dunklee of Boston, was the guest of Mrs. E. M. Ayer yesterday.

Yesterday was the first anniversary of the ordination to the holy priesthood of Rev. Fr. Leonard of St. Patrick's church. Fr. Leonard celebrated solemn high mass and vespers at St. Pat[illegible] church yesterday.

Mr. P. A. Corcoran, formerly of this city, now with Joyce & Fahey of Taunton, Mass., spent the holidays in Lowell.

Brother George, the superior of the Xaverian brothers, is on a visit to his home at Baltimore.

A Christmas Social.

The first grand concert and supper of the Atlantic Social club was held at their rooms on Moore street, last night and was well attended. The evening's entertainment opened with an address of welcome by President McKinnon; little Miss Elvin in a recitation, "The Wreck of the Hesperis;" Master Frank Riggs, in cornet solos; songs by Mr. Gorman; harmonica solo, Mr. H. Needham; club swinging, Miss Lefebre; cornet solo, M. Plant; piano solo, J. R. Whittaker. After the concert the ladies auxiliary league connected with the organization served refreshments. The hall was then cleared and dancing was indulged in until a late hour, music being furnished by the Albion orchestra.

What The People Want.

What the people want is a clean, bright and reliable newspaper that gives an account of passing events in the most readable form, and without a padding of miscellany that nobody wants to read. THE SUN gives the news, both local and telegraphic, and can be relied upon to give all the news while it is fresh, usually a day ahead of its contemporaries. THE SUN is sold for a cent a copy, or delivered to subscribers for 25 cents a month.

A Happy Christmas.

Among the many happy homes on Christmas eve may be included that of Prof. and Mrs. A. Mirault, 773 Merrimack street where a pleasant family gathering was held. The customary Christmas tree, laden with a wealth of beautiful gifts, was arranged in the parlor. At the appointed hour the tree was stripped of its splendor and the presents distributed among those assembled. The remainder of the evening was enjoyed in a social manner.

CHRISTMAS EVE BLAZE.

Fire Spreads in a Basement and Gives the Firemen Work.

The Christmas eve fire which the department wrestled with for a couple of hours, was in the Whitman block, near the corner of Merrimack and Hanover streets, on the southerly side of the first named street. Smoke had been discovered issuing from the cellar windows under Parthenais Bros., store. The alarm was sent in and the firemen came and got their lines laid.

The fire proved to be among the materials stored in the basements and the smoke was so dense that it was impossible to put water on the blaze. The fire gradually spread although no fire could be seen, and took in the cellars under the three stores of Parthenais Bros., two stores occupied by E. Pelletier, Paul Vigeant's grocery store and A. C. Heald's cigar store.

The dense smoke filled the tenements above and the occupants found it an impossibility to get down the stairs. A number of women were taken down on ladders.

The building was insured for $10,000 and the loss to it is about $1500. Parthenais Bros. are insured altogether for $15,500. Pelletier's insurance amount to $14,000. Vigeant has policies for $3,000 and Heald has $10,000 insurance.

The total loss is estimated in the vicinity of $10,000.

The construction of the building was the subject of much condemnation. The means of ingress and egress are very few; and the partitions with perhaps one exception are all of wood.

More Hungry Children Fed.

The Shattuck Street Sunday school was the scene of another little party yesterday afternoon, which differed in many respects from the usual Christmas entertainment. The affair was in charge of the young ladies of the Sunday school, and through their efforts about 175 children were treated to a dinner, and loaded with candy, nuts, oranges and apples. This entertainment was arranged, like many others, for the poor little children, whose folks were in such circumstances, that a Christmas celebration at home was out of the question.

You Need a Calendar.

We are distributing our new calendars, with fire alarm on. Call and get one at Dickson Bros. Big Tea store, Merrimack street.

Many People Happy.

The Carpet mills started up in full blast this morning and the clatter of looms was a welcome sound to the hundreds of operatives who have been out of work so long.

EARLY MORNING FIRE.

FIFIELD'S MACHINE SHOP THE PLACE OF THE BLAZE.

Explosion Heard Before the Fire Was Discovered—The Second Alarm Was a Needless One—Loss Was Not Very Great.

Fire was discovered at ex-Mayor Fifield's machine shop at the corner of Fletcher and Cushing street, at 12.32 o'clock this morning.

The policeman who patrols the beat on which the shop is situated had just left the corner of Fletcher and Cushing streets and started off, when he heard a loud report and turning around quickly, he saw the flames issuing from the building.

An alarm was rung in from box 5 and the fire department was soon on the scene. The fire was located in the basement of the building near the stairway and it was slowly, but surely working its way to the story above. Streams of water were poured upon the blaze and soon the fire was under control. It kept burning, though, despite the efforts of the firemen and before it was entirely subdued, the stairway from the basement to the third story was destroyed. Some of the woodwork and casements were also burned.

Chief Hosmer spent some time looking around the building after the fire was extinguished and in the cellar he found a five gallon can which at some time contained benzine. The can was broken and probably this was the explosion the policeman heard. It was 3.30 o'clock this morning before Chief Hosmer left the scene, he having spent some time in examining the premises. Some damage was done the machinery, by water and a number of belts were broken by the heat. The building was also somewhat damaged. It is owned by Mrs. Fifield.

The insurance is placed in companies represented by Church & Son.

At 4.41 another alarm was rung in from box 5, but it was a needless one, as the cause of it was a spark which burned a small hole in one of the window frames.

FUNERAL SERVICES.

The funeral of Mary O'Hare occurred Sunday afternoon from her late home on Gorham street. The remains were taken to St. Peter's church where services were held, at which many members of the parish were present. The bearers were Messrs. James Roane, George Cullen, William Connors, Daniel Carroll, Joseph Eagan and Henry Quirbach. The remains were interred in the Catholic cemetery.

The funeral of Etta M. Dickinson took place yesterday afternoon from her residence No. 18 Butterfield street. The bearers were A. C. Dickinson, Fred Canrow, Clarence Hayes and Merritt Hayes. Interment was made at the Edson cemetery.

The funeral of the late Samuel Estes occurred this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Services were held in the Edson cemetery. The arrangements were in charge of the Centralville lodge of Odd Fellows. C. M. Young had charge of the interment which was in the Edson cemetery.

Funeral services over the remains of the late James Borden occurred this afternoon at 2 o'clock from his late residence in No. Billerica. The local firemen and Council of the Royal Arcanum attended in a body. Rev. Mr. Sinclair conducted the services. Interment was in the Edson cemetery.

The funeral of Mary Murphy took place Sunday afternoon from her late home on Common street and was very largely attended. The bearers were close personal friends of the deceased. At the grave in the Catholic cemetery, brief services were conducted by Rev. Fr. Burke of St. Patrick's church. Among the floral offerings received were the following: Mrs. D. D. Driscoll, cross, inscribed "Mary;" Julia A. Coughlin, bouquet of roses; Kate M. Coughlin, bouquet of pinks; Agnes Owens, wreath; Eugene Malone, star, crescent, bar; Kate McGlone, 19 roses representing the age of the deceased; Annie C. Carey, bouquet of hyacinths; Josie O'Brien, bouquet of pinks; Reardon family, bar and stars; Mary Mahon, basket of flowers; Mrs. McCarthy, star and crescent; the Cuff family, star and crescent; Maggie Coleman, bouquet of roses; Mrs. Ducey, basket of flowers; Frank Atkins, bouquet of pinks; and a large pillow from the sisters of the deceased.

The funeral of Mary Rooney took place at 2 o'clock this afternoon from her home, 177 Adams street and was well attended. The remains were interred in the Catholic cemetery.

The funeral of Patrick Doherty took place yesterday afternoon from his parents' home, 437 Market street. Burial was in the Catholic cemetery.

The funeral of the late John McMulken took place at 9 o'clock this morning from the Immaculate Conception church where a high mass of requiem was celebrated. The regular choir of the church, under the direction of Prof. Haggerty, assisted at the service. The burial was in the Catholic cemetery.

OUR THEATRES.

BIJOU THEATRE.—There were two large audiences yesterday, so large in fact that ticket selling was early stopped. The variety bills were especially pleasing and everybody was satisfied.

MUSIC HALL.—The familiar old drama "49" was put on yesterday twice and it gave excellent satisfaction. The audience showing their appreciation by repeate calls to members of the stock company.

POLICE COURT.

Hadley, J.

There were eight drunks in this morning.

Lowell seems to be an unlucky spot for marines and sailors for nearly everyone, who comes here and is drinking generally finds himself in court before he leaves the city. Two of them were in today for drunkenness, and a complaint of assault and battery was put against one. His name was William Mulcahey and he was charged with having assaulted Edward O'Brien. The case will be heard tomorrow.

Timothy Haggerty pleaded guilty to the charge of assault and battery on Officer Frank Fox. The latter was arresting a friend of Haggerty's when he caught the officer by the arm and tried to get the man away. Haggerty was fined $5.

John McKeon plead guilty to the charge of obstructing the sidewalk; was fined $5.

William Moran plead not guilty to the charge of having embezzled $12 from John P. Quinn.

Timothy Howard and William Murphy were in for larceny of a robe from a man named Heurenx.

Fred N. Burnham was charged with larceny of a team from Geo. F. Stiles.

Armine Fortier was charged with maintaining a liquor nuisance.

Robert Burns was in for alleged assault on Constable McManus.

Patrick McGovern was ordered in $300 bonds to the Superior court, Robert Burns was continued until Jan. 1, Timothy Howard and Wm. Murphy were each sentenced to jail for 3 months.

CHRISTMAS

Weather Was Almost as Balmy as Mayday.

HOLIDAY QUIETLY PASSED BY HAPPY CITIZENS.

Many Festivals for the Children at the Churches.

Christmas came with weather which had almost the balm of May Day, a morning which opened dark and dreary and which later broke out into a perfect day overhead. But old Mother Earth did not look like the month of May; it looked rather like a January thaw, so frightfully muddy and slushy were the streets.

Considering the weather it was a strange contrast with the Christmas of last year, for if one's memory serves them aright that was a day when the mercury tried to go down out of sight, and pretty nearly succeeded judging from the many frozen water pipes which had to be thawed out. This year there were no frozen pipes, no skating, no sleighing and in fact no Christmas sports. Ulsters and heavy clothing were a burden; spring overcoats a desired article if the owners had only dared to wear them.

But Christmas was a merry time if it was warm; the children had a good time and people seemed to be taking full enjoyment out of the respite from labor. Willing hands and open hearts aided in carrying good cheer in many homes where there might have been hunger and all its attendant sufferings.

It was one of the quietest holiday observances for many years, but it will stand in the city's history as the day on which a dreaded scourge made its appearance.

The day was a very quiet one for the police and therefore was uneventful generally speaking.

In the Catholic churches the services were especially noteworthy, the musical programs being very elaborate.

At St. Patrick's church solemn high mass was celebrated at 10.30 o'clock by Rev. Fr. Leonard, assisted by Rev. Fr. Burke, deacon, and Rev. Fr. Gleason, sub-deacon. The choir which was augmented for the occasion, and assisted by Owens' orchestra, rendered an exceptionally fine musical program. The solo parts were sustained by Miss Finn, Miss Hattie Faulkner and Miss Katie Long, Mr. C. F. Cainan, D. S. O'Brien and D. J. Donahoe. E. F. Faulkner was director and M. J. Johnson presided at the organ.

The sermon was delivered by Rev. Fr. Burke, and was an eloquent discourse upon the birth of Our Saviour. The altars were decorated on a very elaborate scale. The flickering of hundreds of lighted candles, threw a paler shadow over the already white marble altars. The altar cloths, of gold and lace, the elegant vestments worn by the clergy, the sweetly smelling flowers, the choice potted plants, made the scene one of enchantment. The great church was crowded during the service and nearly every member of the congregation took occasion to visit the little crib, which was erected in a room in the convent, just off the church.

Surmounting all, in letters illuminated by gas, were the words "Gloria In Excelsis Deo." In the evening solemn high vespers were sung and again the church was crowded with worshippers.

St. Michael's Church.

Rev. Fr. Scannell celebrated the solemn high mass at St. Michael's, Rev. Fr. Gilday was deacon and Rev. William O'Brien sub-deacon. The sermon was delivered by Rev. Fr. Gilday. The National orchestra was in attendance and assisted the choir in rendering a program of rare merit. The altar was decorated with flowers, potted plants and evergreen and hundreds of candles cast brilliancy over the large altar. A large congregation was present and assisted at the services. In the evening solemn vespers were sung.

St. Peter's Church.

The services at St. Peter's church were largely attended throughout the day. The solemn high mass at 10.30 o'clock was celebrated by Rev. Philip Lee. brother of Misses Alice and Annie Lee, the well known school teachers. It was his first mass, having been ordained but last week. He was assisted by Rev. Frs. T. McKenna and McDonough. The sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Garrigan of the Catholic university at Washington, and was an eloquent discourse touching upon the various ways in which God has manifested Himself to men, first in His works, next by His prophets and lastly through His Divine Son, the redeemer born in a crib at Bethlehem. He showed that there is no excuse for not knowing God and that those who depend upon their reason alone for a knowledge of God wander from the path of truth. They require faith in the mysteries of religion. The duties of Catholics in adhering to the teachings of their religion and in fulfilling the obligations it imposes were set forth and insisted upon as the best means knowing, loving and serving God.

The altar was beautifully decorated with flowers and illuminated with numerous tapers, while the sides of the altar and the columns along the aisles were twined with evergreen. The musical program was excellently rendered, the soloists acquitting themselves very creditably. The Misses McLaughlin, Misses Cooke, T. F. Molloy, James Donnelly and Ed. Martin were among the soloists. At the evening service the music was also very inspiring and the congregation filled the edifice.

Immaculate Conception.

Solemn high mass was celebrated at 10.30 o'clock. Rev. Fr. David, O. M. I., provincial of the order in Ontario, was celebrant, Rev. Fr. Joyce, O. M. I., deacon and Rev. Fr. Burns, O. M. I., sub-deacon. Rev. George A. Costello of St. John's seminary acted as master of ceremonies. Rev. Fr. Joyce, O. M. I., delivered the sermon. The altar was beautifully decorated with potted plants and choice cut flowers, while hundreds of lighted tapers illuminated the three altars. The large pillars surrounding the sanctuary were trimmed with evergreen.

The choir which number fifty voices was was assisted by the American orchestra and rendered a very pleasing musical program, the solo parts being especially grand. The crib was erected on one of the smaller altars and in it lay the infant. During the day, hundreds of people visited the manger.

In the evening solemn high vespers were sung and the large edifice was crowded to the doors by members of the congregation.

St. John's, North Chelmsford.

Christmas was appropriately observed at the above named church, the services being on a large scale. High mass was celebrated by the pastor, Rev. Fr. Shaw, who also delivered a very interesting sermon on the great feast of the day. The church was crowded and many persons were compelled to stand. The altar was nicely decorated for the occasion and added greatly to the beauty of the surroundings. The singing of the choir was especially pleasing, the musical program being an excellent one.

Sacred Heart Church.

The services here were especially grand and the musical program attracted great attention. Mr. David McHugh was director. Rev. Fr. Barrett, O. M. I., was celebrant of the mass and Rev. Fr. Lavoie, O. M. I., preached the sermon.

A GENEROUS RESPONSE.

PARISHIONERS AT ST. PATRICK'S REMEMBER THE POOR.

Unprecedented Response With Money, Food and Clothing, and Volunteers to Help in the Work of Relief.

A largely attended meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul society of St. Patrick's church was held Sunday afternoon in the church basement. Besides the members of the society many members of the parish were present.

The main object of the meeting was to devise means of assistina the poor of the parish, by providing them with clothing, groceries and provisions.

Stirring addresses were delivered by Revs. Fr. Gleason and Burke, and Mr. Curry, who presided at the meeting. It was announced that during the week contributions will be solicited by a committee appointed for the purpose. A large sum of money was raised at the meeting, and among the donations received were checks for $100 each from Fr. Michael O'Brien and Fr. Gleason. Mr. Peter H. Donohoe contributed fifty turkeys to be given out to worthy people by the society. Contributions of turkeys, groceries, bread and pastry were also received from other persons.

Sunday evening, the work of distributing the food commenced. Keefe Bros. grocery sleigh was used and during the evening several men were kept busy distributing the goods among the one hundred and twenty families or more, who were assisted. The ladies of the sewing circle prepared the parcels for delivery and many homes were gladdened by the charitable work. Christmas morning groceries were delivered in P. Keyes' grocery wagon, so that everything possible was done to bring joy to the homes of the suffering poor.

The money received will be used in purchasing more provisions and orders for the same will be distributed among the poor. The work which the society has carried on in the past will be continued on a much larger scale.

In order to assist the society in its work, the Young Men's Catholic Literary Society will produce a drama in Huntington Hall, next month and the proceeds will be handed over to the St. Vincent de Paul society.

Another meeting will be held next Sunday afternoon when a committee will be appointed to arrange for a grand charitable affair; probably a charity ball.

SUNK TO SAVE HER.

Mysterious Explosion and Fire on Board the Steamship Seneca.

HAVANA, Dec. 26.—The steamer Seneca of the New York and Cuba Mail Service company, which returned to Havana Sunday morning with fire in the forehold, was sunk in the harbor here yesterday in order to save her.

Saturday when the Seneca was about 70 miles from port on her way to New York, the crew were startled by an explosion. When they reached the deck the vessel was on fire. Immediately the Seneca was headed back to Havana. The crew worked against the fire until daylight. Then being exhausted, they asked Captain Stevens to abandon the ship. The captain commanded them to return to their duty.

Twice this action of the crew was repeated before the steamer got back to the island. The rigging was then ablaze and the efforts of the crew having been unsuccessful in subduing the flames, the order was given by Captain Stevens to sink her. The sea-cocks were opened and the vessel filled in a short time.

She now lies at the bottom of the bay near Havana. Crew and passengers are safe on shore.

The Seneca had a heavy cargo on board, estimated to be worth from $300,000 to $500,000. The bulk of this cargo was in tobacco, cigars and hemp from Mexican ports.

The company's steamer City of Alexandria was burned on the way from Matanzas to Havana Nov. 1 and 11 of the crew were lost. A few weeks ago a dynamite cartridge was found in a sack of coffee shipped in the freight of the City of Washington.

In the case of the City of Alexandria the fire was preceded by an explosion among the freight.

DEATH WAS UNEXPECTED.

Ex-Governor Biggs Becomes a Victim of Catarrhal Pneumonia.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26.—Ex-Governor Biggs of Delaware died at Middletown, Del., at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

His death was quite unexpected, as it was thought he had grown much stronger since his recent serious illness. The immediate cause of death was catarrhal pneumonia.

The ex-governor was 73 years old and one of the most prominent figures in Delaware public life. In 1854 he deserted the Whig party and became a Democrat, and in 1869 was elected to congress by that party and received a renomination and a re-election two years later. In 1886 he was nominated a fifth time for governor, but declined to run.

Blooded Stock Cremated.

KITANING, Pa., Dec. 26.—Fire destroyed the stables on the Keystone stock farm owned by Bowser Bros. of Manor township. Twenty-two horses were cremated, some of which were the finest stock in western Pennsylvania.

Cruiser New York Off For Rio.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The crack cruiser New York sailed from the Brooklyn navy yard this morning, and with the exception of a short stay in the bay to take a pilot on board she will go direct to Rio de Janeiro.

Four Arrests For Murder.

PRAGUE, Dec. 26.—In addition to the arrest of Socialists Dolezal and Dragoun on suspicion of being the murderers of the alleged Police Agent Mava, the police have taken into custody two men named Dvorak and Kriz as accessories in the crime.

A Hopeful View.

TOPEKA, Dec. 26.—General Manager Frye of the Santa Fe does not feel at all alarmed at the fact of the receivership. "The appointment of the receivers was a surprise to me," he said, "and while I don't wish to anticipate the general policy that will be pursued by the receivers, yet I will say that at the end of the receivership the Santa Fe road will be in the best condition of any road in the world."

LATEST

MAY VETO

Mayor Pickman May Decide to Take This Action.

ON THE PARK LAND PURCHASE SCHEME.

Reconsideration to be Asked for To-night.

It is stated to THE SUN that a reconsideration of the vote whereby it was voted to pass the $70,000 resolution to buy park land, will be asked at the common council meeting tonight.

It is reported that the syndicate wants to sell $150,000 worth more of this land to the city next year.

Furthermore, it is rumored that there were considerations offered to prevent opposition to the passage of the resolution.

It is said that in 1887 money was used to push the scheme through the city council but the scheme was frustrated by the vote to have the people pass upon it.

It is also said that an effort was made to get the same land scheme through the city council last year, and it is also rumored that $7500 was the amount of money which was to be devoted to assisting the passage of the scheme.

About this year's action it is rumored that there were well "grounded" reasons for affirmative votes on the question of passing the resolution.

What the Mayor Says.

Mayor Pickman has not signed the resolution, authorizing the purchase of additional land for Fort Hill Park. The mayor said to a SUN reporter, "I received the resolution a few days ago and before I take action on it I will give the matter my careful consideration."

He is very reticent in regard to the matter, and says that when the time comes the city council will learn what action he intends to take. He does not believe the papers should receive the first call and the city council be ignored. Mayor Pickman would find some interesting opinions on the matter if he could talk with certain people who have known about the details of the scheme the past five years, and who have had connection with the city government.

THE ALTAR CONSECRATED.

BISHOP LAWRENCE WAS UNABLE TO BE PRESENT.

Rev. Dr. Chambre Officiated and Many Episcopal Clergymen Were Present.

At St. Anne's church this morning, the Altar, Reredos and Credence table (Francis Memorial) was consecrated with impressive services. It was expected that Bishop Lawrence would conduct the ceremony but word was received from him to the effect that he had met with an accident to his knee which so incapacitated him as to be unable to leave his house. The services were conducted by Rev. A. St. John Chambre and many clergymen of the eastern convocation were present. The music incidental to the services was beautifully rendered by the choir.

FROM THE WIRE.

By Telegraph to THE SUN.

The cruiser New York sailed for Rio Janeiro, this noon.

The employes of the Willimantic Linen works today petitioned congress not to change the tariff on linen thread.

John Y. McKane, "the boss," was today granted a stay of proceeding in the Brooklyn court, on the contempt of court case.

All the Olneyville mills are running full time today.

The Riverside mills strike at Providence was adjusted today.

Receiver Wyman of the P. F. Y. B. order, today declared a dividend of 32 per cent.

A $40,000 Fire.

By Telegraph to THE SUN.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 26. Fire broke out in J. H. Bromfield's establishment, this morning, and did $40,000 worth of damage. [Mr. Chalifoux of Lowell has a big establishment in Birmingham. Ed.]

Mr. Harrigan's Funeral.

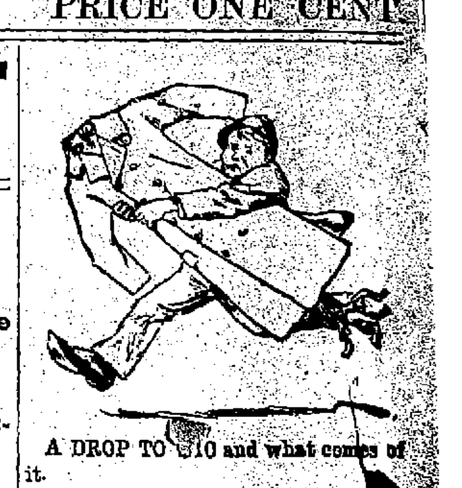
The funeral of John Harrigan took place from St. Peter's church at 9.30 o'clock this morning. The remains were borne into the church by the bearers from the residence on Linden street, the distance being so short that the undertaker, Mr. O'Donnell, thought this course more convenient than getting into the hacks and out again on reaching the church door. A high mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. Fr. McKenna, with Rev. Dr. Allen and Rev. Philip Lee assisting in the sanctuary. The choir under the direction of T. F. Molloy rendered Schmidt's mass in a very effective manner. James A. Murphy sang the Pie Jesu very feelingly. Solos were also rendered by Miss Lizzie McLaughlin and Edward Martin, while Mr. Molloy sang a solo at the Libera. "O Paradise" was sung by the chorus and Mr. Molloy sang "Rest, Spirit, Rest," in a feeling manner as the remains were borne from the church. At the request of the family the floral offerings were few, but there was one from Court Middlesex, A. O. F., with a few pieces from personal friends. The bearers were: Dennis Murphy, Michael McCort, Edward Sheehan, David Fitzgerald, Patrick Shanley, Lawrence Roach, Philip J. Smith, Philip Lynch. Rev. Fr. McKenna officiated at the grave. The cortege was a long one including over thirty hacks and a great number of men on foot. The Knights of Columbus and Foresters were well represented in the procession.

Card of Thanks.

The undersigned desires to publicly express her thanks and that of many others and in this manner show their appreciation of the kindness of their worthy landlord, Mr. Geo. Blair, who so kindly remembered all his tenants in his building at the corner of School and Broadway, by delivering a barrel of flour to each of them as a Christmas gift. It is the wish of each and every one of the recipients that Mr. Blair may live long and prosper.

Respectfully,

MRS. F. H. FULLER.



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TRAGEDY

Man in Andover Brutally Murders His Wife.

CONGRESSMAN STEVENS' SON CAPTURES THE MURDERER.

Tragedy Was the Outcome of Family Dispute.

LAWRENCE, Mass., Dec. 26.—Captain John Wilton, a spinner in Stevens' mill, murdered his wife, Emily A., Sunday afternoon. The tragedy took place at the family residence in Stevens village, three-quarters of a mile from the center of the town and was the outcome of a family quarrel. No weapons figured in the affair, the victim being brutally beaten to death.

For 15 years past the couple had con-[illegible]ted the factory boarding house of [illegible]s village, and Mrs. Wilton was en-[illegible] about the house in preparing the [illegible] when the deed was committed. [illegible] Wilton was in the sink room when [illegible]lled to her husband to aid her in [illegible]g some meat. Wilton went into [illegible]nk room from the sitting room, but [illegible]ed to comply with her request.

Knocked Her Down.

[illegible]rds were exchanged, and Wilton [illegible]een to strike his wife, felling her to [illegible]or. She arose and made tantaliz-[illegible]arks to her husband. Finally she [illegible]nto the dining room, and as she [illegible] Wilton, he kicked her. Following [illegible] the latter room the quarrel was [illegible]ued.

[illegible]e five or six minutes elapsed, and [illegible]Wilton left the house, saying as he [illegible] through the room where the board-[illegible]ere that he "wasn't coming back," [illegible]dding them goodby.

[illegible]gh Soraghan then visited the dining [illegible] and found Mrs. Wilton lying upon [illegible] floor with her head resting against a [illegible] board door.

About the room were scattered teacups [illegible]d other articles which Mrs. Wilton pre-[illegible]mably had hurled at her infuriated husband.

Murderer Was Cool.

After Wilton had left the house he proceeded to the corner of Osgood and Pleasant streets, a short distance away, where the electric street railway track leads to [illegible]is city.

There he was seen by Samuel Stevens. Salutations were exchanged, and Mr. Stevens drove by. Upon reaching the foot of the court where the Wilton residence is located, Mr. Stevens was met by Soraghan, who informed him that Wilton and his wife had a quarrel, and that he, Soraghan, thought the latter had been killed.

Mr. Stevens deemed it advisable to detain Wilton, and driving back, overtook him walking rapidly toward North Andover village. Upon being questioned Wilton denied having assaulted his wife, but finally admitted that she had thrown teacups at him and that he had struck her.

Officer Toohey shortly afterward gave the startling information that Mrs. Wilton was dead. Wilton was then locked up. Upon learning the effect of his brutality Wilton was overcome and wept like a child.

Liquor at the Bottom of It.

Captain John Wilton, the murderer, is well known in the town of North Andover, and derived his title from having once been at the head of old Cochickewick hand tub company of North Andover. He was born in Prestbury, Eng., May 1, 1842, and came to this country in 1872.

Fifteen years ago Wilton and his wife, whom he had married in England previous to his leaving that country, and who had joined him after taking up his residence in North Andover, opened the boarding house in Stevens village.

For a time the couple lived happily together, until the craving for liquor secured its hold upon both, and then the trouble began. Wilton was a powerful man, good hearted and kind except when his temper was aroused.

Mrs. Wilton was born in Yorkshire, Eng., and was 46 years of age. She was quite small in stature, and no match for her husband.

Wilton and his wife had had no children, but an adopted daughter, Florence [illegible], aged 18 years, was a member of the household, and at the time of the tragedy was confined to her bed by illness in an adjoining room.

A Murderous Lover.

COTOPAX, Colo., Dec. 26.—Jack Clements [illegible] White Pine shot and fatally wounded [illegible]ouis Muehlbach at Cooldale. He then [illegible]ied to kill his victim's daughter, but [illegible]iled. Clements was overpowered and [illegible]sarmed, but he escaped. The shooting [illegible]ew out of the refusal of Miss Muehlbach to marry Clements.

Frisco's Fire.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—Fire broke out [illegible]sterday in the block bounded by Clay, [illegible]mmercial, Sansom and Leidersdorff [illegible]eets, and in a few minutes one of the [illegible]rgest fires of the year was raging. Fire [illegible]arshall Towne estimates the loss at [illegible]0,000, but others say the loss will not over $100,000.

A Baltimore Society Event.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 26.—The marriage of [illegible]ss Frances Ewing, daughter of Judge [illegible]ing, to T. B. Beecher, a prominent [illegible]ker of Memphis, took place last night [illegible] Peter's Protestant Episcopal church. [illegible]church was filled with leaders of society.

Labor and Politics.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 26.—Preliminary arrangements have been made for the organization of an independent political [illegible]ty in this city, which will be composed [illegible] the members of the various union [illegible]r organizations of Kansas City.

Bicycle Records Smashed.

[illegible]W YORK, Dec. 26.—At the six-days' [illegible]cle race at Madison square the 100-[illegible] record was broken by Van Emburg. [illegible]made the distance in 5h. 30m. Hosmer [illegible]e the 12-hour record. He made 200 [illegible]s and four laps.

Nothing Will Be Saved.

[illegible]TH, Me., Dec. 26.—Schooner Hattie [illegible]er, Seeley, St. John, N. B., for Fall [illegible]r, Mass., with lumber and deckload [illegible]ingles, is ashore near here. She will total loss.

Dynamite In a Church.

[illegible]IS, Dec. 26.—During the celebration [illegible]dnight mass in the Catholic church [illegible]ezlers a dynamite bomb was ex-[illegible]d. The explosion caused a panic.

Policemen Charged With Murder.

[illegible]CAGO, Dec. 26.—Police Officers Healy [illegible]oran are under arrest charged with [illegible]ering Samuel Nelson, who had given [illegible] trouble outside a saloon after they [illegible]a drink together. Nelson knocked [illegible] down and when arrested at-[illegible]ed to escape. Both officers fired re-[illegible], one inflicting a wound from Nelson soon died.

Mgr. Satolli is to remain in America.

Henry Pettit, the dramatist, died in London.

Rio Janeiro has not been taken by insurgents.

Money is scarce in Chicago to pay city employes.

Pillsbury won the New York chess tournament.

Two men were killed by an explosion in Pittston, Pa.

Nora Birmingham, a Lynn, Mass., girl, is missing.

The Hamilton House, Washington, was damaged by fire.

Chancellor Von Caprivi professes to be tired of his office.

The anti-tax movement has gained fresh headway in Sicily.

A stove foundry in Sackville, N. B., was burned; loss $75,000.

A baby weighing but one pound was born at Lynn, Mass.

The big pulp mill at Madison, Me., is to resume operations.

The burning of the West Lynn, Mass., hotel caused $9000 loss.

Ex-Justice Walter E. Smith of Brooklyn committed suicide.

Ex-Congressman John C. Nichols of Blackshire, Ga., is dead.

Anarchist workshops were raided in Barcelona and Valvidera.

Bank President Willard R. Holmes of Kansas City was arrested.

Alexander Hamilton, Jr., committed suicide at Stoughton, Mass.

A supposed incendiary fire in Littleton, N. H., caused a loss of $15,000.

Mrs. W. A. Braley of Monmouth, Me., committed suicide by hanging.

Most of the crew of the Vineyard sound lightship are sick with the grip.

Timothy McDermott of Brooklyn fatally slashed George Clancy with a razor.

A young Czech was arrested at Prague for assassinating Police Agent Urva.

Daniel Clohecy of Haverhill, Mass., attempted suicide by cutting his throat.

German trades unions are purging their membership lists of anarchist suspects.

Emperor William and his family spent Christmas in the new palace at Potsdam.

Rufus F. Ingalls, recently appointed postmaster at Gorham, N. H., died suddenly.

Beatrice Hamilton is to sue the Broadway, New York, Cable Road company for $50,000.

The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad has passed into the hands of receivers.

One man was killed and another injured by a caving gravel bank at Woburn, Mass.

Thomas F. Lowes of Chelsea, Mass., who stabbed his wife, was held for the grand jury.

Boston aldermen voted down an order looking to the securing of pay for the use of the subway.

Bishop Lawrence will officiate as chaplain at the inauguration of the Boston city government.

Melville W. Drew, one of the oldest and most successful business men of Jacksonville, Fla., is dead.

Vandals broke into a cemetery chapel and other buildings in New Haven and destroyed property.

Fire engines got tangled up with a street car at Portland, Me., and several persons were injured.

Two thousand garment cutters withdrew from the Knights of Labor in New York and New Jersey.

There was a deficit of $1,000,000 in the revenue of the Dominion for the fiscal year ending June 30 last.

Governor Mitchell of Florida says he will stop the Corbett-Mitchell fight if he lives to exercise his authority.

John L. Sullivan mixed in a fight between members of his company and spent Sunday in jail at Sandusky, O.

Georgie Cornwall, the kidnapped Melrose, Mass., boy, was found by Boston police and returned to his home.

The 22-year-old Bohemian, Charles Pross, who shot himself at Newport, R. I., on account of a love affair, is dead.

Wallace B. Miller, agent for the New Haven Steamboat company, died very suddenly of apoplexy at New Haven.

John E. Tribble, ship captain and revivalist, whose remarkable dreams have attracted attention, died at Mystic, Conn.

John E. Burns of Northampton, Mass., who took paris green and laid down upon the grave of his betrothed, died at a hospital.

Rev. R. F. Hurlburt of Marion, Ia., opened a series of revival meetings at the Methodist Episcopal church, Bridgewater, Mass.

Rev. Charles M. Sampson of St. Johnsbury, Vt., has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Center church, Hartford, Conn.

The St. Johnsbury, Vt., Daily Republican will suspend publication Wednesday. The Weekly Republican will be continued.

ENGLAND'S SAFETY

Now Depends Upon Immediate Attention to Her Defenses.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The Times, reviewing the general policical situation, says that circumstances throughout the world generally do not appear to favor the prevalence of peace and good will. After referring to the wars in South America, The Times says:

"Everywhere the great powers stand watching each other with incessant suspicion, straining their resources to the utmost in preparing for the anticipated attack. Happily, there is no immediate danger of war; but it is idle to deny that in many quarters and between many people the tension is greater now than it was a few months ago."

The Times proceeds to urge that the safety of the empire demands urgent and imperative attention being paid to the defenses.

For Orphans' Benefit.

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 26.—The extensive plant of El Democrata, a daily newspaper which was confiscated by the government, because of its opposition tendencies, has been donated to the orphan asylums of this city, by order of the first district judge.

Charley Is Anxious to Fight.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26.—Charley Mitchell says he will fulfill his contract in Florida unless prevented by law, and will fight Corbett anyway at some place with or without a purse, as it has become a personal matter.

In the Jury's Hands.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—All the evidence in the Prendergast trial is in. The jurymen will have two full days in which to ponder over the expert testimony before the attorneys make their speeches. The death penalty will be asked for by the state. The verdict will prob[illegible] be returned by Friday.

Jews Must Go.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—A St. Petersburg dispatch to The Chronicle s[illegible]s that hosts of Jews are being expelled from Kieff. The expulsions from St. Petersburg continue, but upon a milder sca[illegible]

CRANK CAUGHT

Washington Officals Have Been Pestered By Him.

WAS CONTINUALLY WRITING THREATENING LETTERS.

Police Had Watched for Him Many Days.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Joseph Donjon, the man who has been writing threatening letters to a number of prominent public men during the last two weeks, is in jail.

A letter from this man to Senator Mills a few days ago caused the senator's son, Charles H. Mills, to secure leave from the authorities to go armed for the protection of his father. This was the cause of bringing the man's acts more prominently before the public.

For several months past he has been writing similar letters to a number of prominent public men, among whom were Vice President Stevenson, Senator Gorman, Senator Mills, Senator Sherman and, as the man himself claims, President Cleveland, and Secretary Lamont. As long ago as during the fight over the silver question in the senate Vice President Stevenson received letters almost daily from Donjon, who was then in Newark, N. J. No attention was paid to them. The vice president yesterday received a letter which was dated from 804 Leigh street, this city.

Donjon's Story.

A number of reporters were at the police station to see the man, and he talked very freely. He is 28 years old, dark and sallow, and has a greasy complexion and a rather slouchy look. He has the drooping eyelids which usually accompany a brooding and melancholy disposition. He talks very rationally and with a rather studied effort to avoid any appearance of bitterness or the expression of any anarchistic views.

Donjon is an Austrian by birth and lays stress on the assertion that he is a Catholic and professes a degree of piety. His story is that he came to this country when 15 years old. He had been a telegraph operator, but gave up this work because there was some slight difference in the instruments and the alphabet. "Under those circumstances," he continued, "if I had secured a job they would have sent me to some remote office in the far west where there are coyotes and cougars and other dangerous creatures." In this the prisoner showed a fantastic apprehension that was characteristic of the tone of his whole recital.

Visited the Northwest.

He became a bench moulder after he came here and claims to have worked for a time in Ohio. Later with his father and mother and brother he went to Newark, N. J. Last May, being out of employment, he went west to Washington and Idaho, and he tells a rather fearful tale of the dangers he encountered from rough miners in that country while prospecting for gold. Then he went back to Newark and lived with his parents and brothers at 128 Barnett street. This agrees with the address of the earlier letters received from him here.

He contends that he was prevented from securing employment because he was not a member of the Knights of Labor or any other labor union. As to the letters he has been writing, he claims that he was incited to write them by other people, receiving $100 for doing it. Asked as to the character of the persons who did this, he disclaimed that they were anarchist, or that they formed any association. They were merely private persons. He also denies that there were any threats in the letters or any reference to dynamite. "I never saw dynamite, and wouldn't know it if I saw it," said he.

When asked what right he had to compose such letters at the bidding of other people, he simply inquired: "What right have you to write down what I am telling you. It was simply a business I went into to make a living, just as you write news for the newspapers."

His "Propositions."

He claimed that all that was contained in any of the letters were a proposition to each of the men addressed to forward him the cost of transportation to Washington and an offer to come on there and make a business proposition to them.

The man came to Washington three days ago from Baltimore. Sunday he fell in with a German on a bench in one of the public parks. The man was drunk, but spoke some words of encouragement, and told him that he was out of work, too, but gave him a quarter and hoped he might soon find employment. He thought the best thing he could do with the quarter was to get some postal cards and make another effort to secure answers from them to whom he had been sending.

He took lodgings and waited all yesterday for some one to appear in reply to his postal cards, but no one came. He then determined, he says, to start out to look for Chief Drummond and brought up in the station.

Poor Year For Cereal Crops.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The preliminary statement of the board of agriculture shows that the year's yield of barley is 10,000,000 bushels less than in 1892, although 40,000 more acres were planted there. Of oats there are 6,000,000 bushels less, although 160,000 more acres were planted. The yield of wheat has fallen 9,000,000 bushels and the acreage has decreased 300,000.

Not Much of a Warship.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—A dispatch from Paris says that M. Clemenceau will publish from Toulon a letter declaring that the man-of-war Magenta can not keep upright and that her second trial trip has been indefinitely postponed because of the risk to 600 lives and 25,000,000 francs. The writer says that the Magenta's condition calls for a parliamentary inquiry.

An Old Maine Democrat.

EASTPORT, Me., Dec. 26.—Hon. Robert Burns, for many years a prominent business man and Democratic leader in this district, died yesterday, aged 83. He was born in New Hampshire in 1811, came to Eastport in 1840, where he resided until his death.

America Will Be Ready.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Admiral Montague will have a new 40-footer next season. It will be designed by Watson. Admiral Montague says that he is open to race this cutter against any new boat of the same class designed by an American designer for a substantial stake. The American boat must be designed by an American.

Bold Brigand Bagged.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—A dispatch from Pa[illegible] announces the capture of the Alger[illegible] brigand, Areski El Bachir, who has long been a terror to the inhabitants of Ka[illegible]bylia.

Canadians Want to See No Change In the Wilson Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Information received here indicates that the Canadian government is taking no chances, and is at work to secure the retention of lumber on the free list in the Wilson bill. The opposition of certain interests to placing lumber on the free list has aroused the Canadian government, and Mr. Courtney, the deputy minister of finance, has been sent here. The argument that is being used to overcome the opposition to free lumber is that, in case this provision is eliminated from the Wilson bill, an export duty will be levied by the Canadian government on logs and lumber.

Logs are now on the free list by the law of 1890, as well as the law of 1883. In other words, the Dominion government has now taken the position that if the United States refuses to admit sawed lumber free, it will deprive the United States mills of the benefit of free Canadian logs. The Wilson bill has a provision in it supplementing the lumber schedule to the effect that free lumber will not be operative as against countries imposing an export duty on lumber.

"DIDN'T KNOW," ETC.

A Lynn Lad Fires a Fatal Shot In the Face of a Chum.

LYNN, Mass., Dec. 26.—Patrick O'Rourke, 23 years of age, was instantly killed yesterday afternoon in his boarding house, 17 Allen's court. He met his death through the carelessness of Bernard H. McLaughlin, 17 years of age, who pulled the trigger of a self-acting revolver while the muzzle was close to O'Rourke's face.

The bullet had entered the forehead between the left eye and the nose, and had coursed on, entering the brain at the base. O'Rourke laid on the floor of the hallway at the top of the house, and McLaughlin, crazed with grief, was bending over the body of his chum, crying bitterly.

"I didn't mean to shoot him, and I did not know it was loaded," said McLaughlin to the inquiries made by those who had witnessed the last scene. The police were notified and McLaughlin was taken to the station.

Railroad Horror Averted.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. 26.—The watchfulness of the men in charge of the temporary trestle over the Westfield river, on the Boston and Albany road, where the terrible wreck of Aug. 31 occurred, was the cause of averting another railroad horror yesterday. Shortly after a train had passed, three of the main supports of the structure were carried away by the breaking of the ice, and the bridge was made unsafe for passage. Trains east and west were delayed by the transfer, which had to be made by team.

Portsmouth's Stabbing Case.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Dec. 26.—In the police court Timothy Cronin, who stabbed George Alfred Turner yesterday morning, was arraigned before Judge Batchelder, charged with an assault with intent to kill. A continuance was granted until Jan. 2, so that the extent of Turner's injuries would be known. The prisoner was held in $1000, which he was unable to furnish, and he was committed to jail. Turner is gradually growing weaker and very little hopes are entertained for his recovery.

Five Big Ships For Russia.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The report that the Russian government has bought from the United States and Brazil Mail Steamship company five steamships to be used in connection with the Russian government's transcontinental railroad in Siberia is confirmed. The vessels are the Cigarana, Vigilants, Advance, Finance and Alliance. They are all big ships, supplied with modern machinery, and the price received for the five was $1,000,000.

Summary Vengeance.

BAINBRIDGE, Ga., Dec. 26.—A big negro named Calvin Thomas entered the premises of Mr. Sellers, a Baptist minister, and when Mrs. Sellers went to milk the cows Thomas threw her down, beat her severely and outraged her. Thomas was arrested. He confessed and was placed in a guardhouse. During the night the guardhouse was broken open by unknown parties and Thomas was riddled with bullets.

Defended His Assailant.

BROCKTON, Dec. 26.—A serious stabbing affray took place near Arch and Montello streets, John Gracie receiving a bad cut on his left wrist, which severed the main artery. His assailant quickly disappeared. Faint from loss of blood, Gracie staggered into a house near by and was afterwards conveyed to the station, thence to his home. He refused to give the name of the person who stabbed him.

Waite Calls a Special Meeting.

DENVER, Dec. 26.—Governor Waite last night issued the long-talked-of call for a special session of the legislature, to meet Jan. 10, 1894. The governor justifies his proclamation by declaring that "The mining interests of the state have been unjustly and unconstitutionally attacked by congress and the present administration." He suggests many measures which he is known to advocate.

Crowd Looked On.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 26.—A telegram from Marshall, Tex., says that Pacific Express Messenger McCullough was knocked down by a negro and robbed of a package which contained from $6000 to $8000. Although the act was done while a crowd of people was present the robber escaped, and there is no clue to his identity.

Third Suicide In the Family.

YPSILANTI, Mich., Dec. 26.—With his dead wife's photograph in his hand, the body of Albert Forsythe was found dead on his bed at his boarding place here. He had committed suicide. Six years ago his brother Howard hanged himself, and six months later his brother James committed suicide.

A Mysterious Case.

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—Mrs. Ellen Murray, 35 years old, of Tremont street, Brighton, is at the point of death, suffering from an injury to the brain. She left her sister's Saturday night in good health, and Sunday morning her husband reported that she lay unconscious in bed. Investigation showed that she was the victim of an assault. The husband is suspected. She will probably die.

WANT BATTLE

Peixoto's War Vessels Will Search For Mello.

NAVAL CONFLICT WILL OCCUR IN A FEW DAYS.

Insurgents Are Manning Ships With Convicts.

PERNAMBUCO, Dec. 26.—The situation of affairs has very materially changed in this city within the last few hours. Until Christmas morning Pernambuco believed that its harbor was to be the scene of the first big naval battle between the Republica, Admiral Mello's best warship, and the Aquidaban, her companion, on the one side, and the Nictheroy, President Peixoto's dynamite gun cruiser, on the other.

This belief was amply justified by the report received a few days ago that the Republica and the Aquidaban had been seen off the Brazilian coast, headed northward, and apparently bound for Pernambuco, as if to take the Nictheroy by surprise and compel her to fight without a chance of putting to sea.

The news received here yesterday changed the whole aspect of affairs. The rebel warships, it is learned, were not on their way to Pernambuco, but had sailed toward the mountainous and rugged island of Fernando de Noronha, where there is a large convict settlement. This island, despite its ruggedness, possesses considerable fertility, and its several harbors, defended by forts, would enable Mello to make a vigorous resistance of the attacking party.

Mello Wants Fighters.

The revolutionary admiral's object in going to Fernando de Noronha, which is over 100 miles from the main coast of Brazil, is to compel as many able-bodied convicts as he can find in the settlement to go aboard his vessels and join their crews. It is said that he expects to secure not less than 1000 men in this way.

Upon receipt of this news aboard the Nictheroy there was great activity noticeable. Members of the crew were sent ashore in small boats to search through the town for such of the Nictheroy's men as had been allowed leave to land to hurry them back to the vessel.

The Nictheroy's commander had apparently received instructions as to how he should act in such an emergency, and these instructions, it is believed, were to the effect that if he became convinced that the coming to Pernambuco of the Republica and the Aquidaban proved to be untrue, and that these vessels, instead of starting, were evading fight, he should lose no further time, but put to sea at once and force them into a naval contest for superiority.

Now For a Fight.

This view of the case proved to be correct, for yesterday afternoon, when all of the men belonging to the Nictheroy's crew had been gotten aboard, she steamed out to sea and pointed her nose for the northwest. The Nictheroy's destination is the island of Fernando de Noronha.

If this information is correct, the long expected sea battle between the revolutionists and the government war vessels will in all probability be fought within a short time.

Highly Sensational Suicide.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 26.—Mlle. Michailova, a favorite danseuse of the Imperial theater, invited a party of friends to supper. While they were all seated at the table the hostess arose hurriedly, in a few brief, sharp words bid farewell to her guests, swallowed a dose of poison and fell dead before her horrified friends.

Was an Old Wall Street Man.

DANBURY, Conn., Dec. 26.—Andrew Hull, an old and respected citizen of this city, died at his home here yesterday afternoon. He was a well-known figure on Wall street and in the produce exchange, New York, of which he was a member. In his day he was known as a daring speculator.

A Refuge For Criminals.

LITTLE ROCK, Dec. 26.—Governor Fishback has written a letter to President Cleveland complaining of the fact that Indian territory is an asylum for dangerous criminals of all kinds. He cites developments in the recent train robbery and murder at Olliphant in support of his statements.

Battleship In a Bad Fix.

QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 26.—The British battleship Resolution, which was damaged during a severe gale in the Bay of Biscay on her voyage to Gibraltar, was compelled to put back into this port, as she rolled terribly for three days. Her hull is badly strained and she must be docked for repairs.

Chewed Up by a Dog.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 26.—A large Newfoundland dog in resenting a kick from 14-year-old James Collins of Covington literally chewed him to pieces. A crowd of more than 1000 looked on without the courage to interfere. A policeman finally lassoed and shot the animal. The boy will die.

Old Newspaper Man Dead.

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 26.—Major Clarence M. Barton, one of the best known newspaper men in the northwest, formerly connected with newspapers in Washington and Philadelphia, is dead. He was one of the founders of the Knights of Pythias.

Brought Joy to Children.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. 26.—The Kamp Kumfort klub, an organization of local business men, entertained 1400 children under 12 years of age last evening. After a short musical entertainment $1000 worth of presents were given away.

Earthquake In Pennsylvania.

HUNTINGTON, Pa., Dec. 26.—A very perceptible shock of earthquake was felt in this section early yesterday morning. It was sufficient to awaken many persons from their slumber.

Bad Man With a Gun.

ENTERPRISE, Miss., Dec. 26.—At a negro dance here last evening liquor was freely drunk and a row resulted. Paul Dumas seriously wounded five persons who were in range of him.

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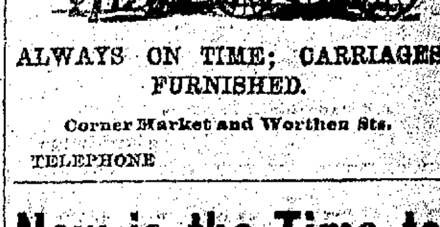

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OUR ATTENTION has been called to a reference to THE SUN in the Vox. Our esteemed but seldom seen contemporary claims to have set THE SUN on the right track on the gas question. The Vox may have talked cheaper gas but if so it was without our knowledge. Glad it struck the right chord for once in its career.

RELIEF SUNDAY proved very successful in inaugurating the relief movement and starting a fund for the amelioration of the poor. When Mr. Greenhalge puts his shoulder to the wheel in a case of this kind, he is sure to set the machinery a moving. His address was of the right sort, eloquent and broad in its charity. It is to be hoped that the meeting will accomplish much in the relief of distress. The unpretentious meeting at St. Patrick's church did well in contributing $1600.

IT WOULD not be out of place it seems for the Central Labor union to give its views upon the merits of the proposed purchase of the additional park land at the present juncture. The price is too high and even if it were not the present is not the time for making such improvements. The land syndicate could afford to wait as it as waited since 1887 to have the city purchase its land. The money might be letter expended, but should not be expended at all at the present time.

"VIVE L'ANARCHIE!"

The manifesto of the anarchists addressed to the French government is one of the most audacious documents issued in modern times. It is high time for the civilized nations of the world to unite in a treaty for their mutual protection against this fell society. It is all nonsense to tolerate a society of such dangerous proclivities. It is tantamount to allowing a gang of incendiaries linger in our streets. The anarchist strikes at the root of the social system, at the foundation of representative government, and must therefore be an outlaw. To tolerate the existence of such an organization is the mistake made by this and other nations. Anarchists should not be allowed to exist in any civilized country. They should be banished or executed. Every fresh exploit in which these anarchists are involved, but adds to their boldness and increases the danger from their attacks. The nations can easily suppress anarchy if they only adopt stringent measures.

CAUCUS LAW REFORM.

It appears that the legislative committee appointed to investigate the caucus laws will report some recommendations for adoption. These will practically include the system of balloting for candidates by the Australian system as carried out recently in Lawrence. It will also have provisions for preventing voters from taking part in the caucuses of a party to which they do not belong. The officers will be paid by the city and will be chosen under a special provision of the new law. There is great need of some such clause as this, for at present candidates often pack caucuses in their own interest with men who vote in a different party and who want to see them nominated and defeated on election day.

BUSINESS PROSPECTS.

The Weekly Financial Review, published by Henry Clews of New York, has the following in regard to the business prospects for the immediate future:

The tariff question continues to keep business in an unsettled condition and may be expected to do so until the new duties are finally fixed. Consequently, the best that can be anticipated for the next few weeks, is a hand-to-hand business. Discouraging as this may seem, it is not without some alleviations. A market of exhausted stock has always certain advantages over a glutted one. Makers and holders of merchandise, in such conditions, have it in their power to support prices and to make profits, though it be upon largely reduced sales. Nor is it to be overlooked that the tariff prospects and the depression in business are combining to exclude competition from foreign goods and hence the large falling off in the current imports. There can be no doubt of that, in most branches of trade, the pro[...] still continues much behind the [...]. This foreshadows an ulti[...] of jobbers' and retailers' [...] that w[...] leave a large [...] in the filling of which [...] a position to [...] therefore to be expected that so soon as the new duties are settled, there will be a considerable revival of industrial activity. The re-starting of production will give more general employment to labor and the working million will gradually resume its wonted position as an element of demand, and the country will, step by step, regain its wonted prosperity. During the intervening period of inactivity, business can only remain severely contracted; but the country will feel that it can afford to wait, provided there is a hopeful prospect beyond.

Case of a Positive Man and How He Was Bluffed.

Well down toward the front end of the smoking car sat four or five men, and one of them was a man of gab. Not only that, but he was a positive man—an aggressive man—a decided man. He was free with his opinions and beliefs, and one listening to him got the idea that he was the sort of man who believed he was dead right and was willing to put up his cash in defense of his opinion. Opposite me sat a drummer for a Cincinnati house, and as I saw him looking over the top of his paper and apparently trying to size the man up I observed:

"Don't you like to meet with a positive man?"

"Positive!" he blurted out. "I can make him take water in five minutes!"

"Well, I don't know about that!"

"Then I'll show you. Lend me your handkerchief, please. Now, if you will trust me, let me take what small bills you have."

He took his handkerchief and mine and made a "wad." Around it he wrapped about $40 in greenbacks, making a roll of boodle which he could hardly put into his pocket. Then he nodded to me and we went forward and, after a minute he said to the man of gab:

"I have a little wager with my friend here. How many times did Abraham Lincoln serve as president?"

"Two, of course," was the reply.

"Are you positive?"

"Certainly I am."

"Didn't he serve three?"

"No, sir. What's the matter with you?"

"The matter is I think he served three terms, and I am willing to bet on it. Come now, have much have you got that says he only served two terms?"

"How much? Why, man, I'll bet you a hundred to one."

"Put 'er right up!" says the drummer as he pulled out his roll. "I don't want no such odds as that; just say two or three to one."

"I don't want to rob you," replied the man of gab, with his hand in his pocket. "Put 'er up! Here's $1,000 to $2,000 that says you're dead wrong!"

"I'll—I'll take you even for $500."

"Put 'er up! Money talks!" howled the drummer. "I say three terms, and here's the long green."

"Why, man, we all know that"——

"We don't either! You say two terms, and I say three. I offered you even money, but I'll do better. Here's $1,000 to $500. Select your own stakeholder."

"It doesn't seem as if I could be mistaken," mused the positive man.

"Put up, I say!" shouted the drummer as he waved his boodle in the air. "I'll go you $1,000 to $500 that he served three terms!"

"Well, it may be possible, of course, but I'm so sure of it that"——

"Then put up! Here's $1,000 to $200."

"I guess I won't bet. We are all liable to be mistaken, you know, and perhaps it was three terms."

The drummer and I walked back and sat down and lighted fresh cigars, and as he returned me my property he said:

"You see, you don't want to size a man up too quickly. There are positive men and there are men of gab. There are aggressive men and there are men of brag. When you can't tell the difference, try my way. When you shake a big roll at a man, one of two things will happen. If he's a positive man, down comes his cash. If he's only a windmill on legs, he'll crawfish. I could have bluffed that chap over a stone wall with a $10 bill."—Detroit Free Press.

How the Chinese Do Things.

The Chinese do everything backward. They reverse the usual order of civilization exactly. They completely invert our methods.

Note first that the Chinese compass points to the south instead of the north.

The men wear skirts and the women trousers.

The men wear their hair long, and the women wear it short.

The men carry on dressmaking, and the women carry burdens.

The written language of China is not written, and the written language is not spoken.

Books are read backward, and what we call footnotes are inserted at the top of the page.

The Chinese surname comes first instead of last.

The Chinese shake their own hands instead of the hands of those they would greet.

The Chinese dress in white at funerals and in mourning at weddings, while old women always serve as bridesmaids.

The Chinese launch their vessels sideways and mount their horses from the off side.

The Chinese begin dinner with dessert and end with soup and fish.—Boston Globe.

Family Degeneration.

If a large percentage of histories of family degeneration can be traced in the offspring of parents who have passed the prime of life, how much larger must the percentage of family degeneration be that is due to physical exhaustion from overwork or the lack of sufficient light and fresh air. The sense of fatigue arises from the blood becoming charged with wasted products, and from the blood thus loaded bathing the higher nerve centers. The pauper is always at the stage when any exertion is an effort. The disinclination for exertion may be the result of an inherited nutritive condition. The character of the defect in the children of devitalized parents is a lack of mental vigor. In the children of overworked parents development does not proceed far enough to bring the higher control centers of the brain to perfected growth.

After great physical exhaustion the stomach is tired, it is often unable to digest heavy and coarse food, and nature calls for something light—liquid of some kind, broth, tea, etc., alcohol and the like. To this cause may be assigned the reason why the consumption of tea, alcohol and spirits of different kinds is so largely on the increase.—Mrs. Woodhull Martin.

Then the Other Fellow Dropped Out.

Highwayman—Hold up your hands. What have you got?

Jack Potts (leveling a brace of self cockers)—Two sixes.—Truth.

OLDEN FESTIVITIES.

WILD REVELS CELEBRATED THE CHRISTMAS OF LONG AGO.

Survivals of the Roman Saturnalia and the Feasts of Janus—Episode of the Fourteenth Century in Paris, When Four Nobles Perished at Court.

In spite of clerical protests, in spite of anathemas, in spite of the condemnation of the more thoughtful and the more virtuous, Christmas in the earlier days frequently reproduced all the worst orgies, the debauchery and indecency of the bacchanalia and the saturnalia. Even the clergy were whirled into the vortex. A special celebration called the feast of fools had been instituted in their behalf, with a view, said the doctors of the church, "that the folly which is natural to and born with us might exhale at least once a year."

If even among the clergy heathen traditions survived so strenuously, what wonder that they survived among the laity? The wild revels indeed of the Christmas period in olden times almost stagger belief. License was carried to the fullest extent of licentiousness. Even in the seventeenth century, when the festivities had been slightly toned down, Master William Prynne discovered in them the vestiges of paganism which are apparent enough to the historians of today.

"If we compare," he says in his "Histrio-Mastix," "our bacchanalian Christmas and New Year's tides with these saturnalia and feasts of Janus, we shall find such near affinitye between them both in regard of time—they being both in the end of December and on the 1st of January—and in their manner solemnizing—both being spent in revelling, epicurism, wantonnesse, idlenesse, dancing, drinking, stage plaics, masques and carnall pomp and jollity—that we must needs conclude the one to be but the apo, or issue, of the other."

Yet the practices which Stubbes and Prynne condemned were mild and tame compared with the excesses practiced at the French court for centuries. Inebriety ran rampant. No wonder that in the period of torches and wooden palaces accidents frequently occurred which more than once involved provinces in mourning.

Memorable above all other episodes of this sort was the catastrophe which occurred at Paris in 1393. The Christmas festivities had been partaken of in the wildest spirit of riot and disorder. But the court was not yet satisfied. Then Sir Hugonin de Guisay, the most reckless among all the reckless spirits of the period, suggested that as an excuse for prolonging the merriment a marriage should be arranged between two of the court attendants. This was eagerly agreed upon.

The management was intrusted to Sir Hugonin himself. He was well fitted for anything wild and unusual. He was loved and admired by the disorderly as ardently as he was hated and feared by the orderly, for it was his pleasant habit to exercise his wit upon tradesmen and mechanics, whom he would accost in the street, prick with his spurs and compel to creep on all fours and bark like dogs before he released them. Such were the traits which endeared him to the courtiers of his most gracious majesty and Christian king of France.

The marriage passed off in a blaze of glory with an accompaniment of attendant Gargantuan pleasantry. At the height of the ceremonies Sir Hugonin quietly withdrew with the king and four other wild ones—scions of the noblest houses in France. With a pot of tar and a quantity of tow the six conspirators were speedily changed into very fair imitations of the dancing bears then very common in mountebanks' booths. A mask completed the transformation. Five were then bound together by means of a silken rope cut from the tapestry. The sixth, the king himself, led them into the hall. Their appearance created a general sensation. "Who are they?" was the cry. No one could answer.

At this moment entered the wildest of all the wild dukes of Orleans. "Who are they?" he echoed between hiccoughs. "Well, we'll soon find out." Seizing a brand from one of the torchbearers ranged along the wall, he staggered forward. Some gentlemen attempted to stay him. But he was obstinate and quarrelsome. Main force could not be thought of against a prince of the blood. He was given his way. He thrust his torch under the chin of the nearest of the maskers. The tow caught fire. In a moment the whole group was enveloped in flames. Presence of mind or common sobriety might have saved them. But there was none of the latter there and but two instances of the former.

The young Duchess of Berry seized the king and enveloped him in her ample robe. Thus he was saved. Another masker, the lord of Nantouillet—noted for strength and agility, rent the silken rope with a wrench of his strong teeth, pitched himself like a flaming comet through the first window and dived into a cistern in the court, whence he emerged black and smoking, but almost unhurt.

As for the other four, they whirled hither and thither through the horrified mob, struggling with each other, fighting with the flames, cursing, shrieking with pain. Women fainted by scores. Men who had never faltered in a hundred fights sickened at the hideous spectacle. All Paris was roused by the uproar and gathered, an excited mob, about the palace. All sorts of reports were current, that the princes were engaged in deadly strife being the one most credited. At last the flames burned out. The four maskers lay a black and writhing heap on the floor. One was a mere cinder. A second survived till daybreak. A third died at noon the next day. The fourth—no other than Sir Hugonin himself—survived for three days, while all Paris rejoiced over his agonies. "Bark, dog, bark!" was the cry with which the citizens saluted his charred and mangled corpse when it was at last borne to the grave.—New York Herald.

her with admiration; young and old greeted her smilingly, even portly burgomasters murmured as they met her, "God bless that sweet young creature!" while the poor people exclaimed aloud, "God bless the widow and her daughter for their goodness and charity to us!"

These two were but simple working people, yet all Nuremberg honored them. Every one knew that Dame Gudule Dachs, when left a widow with her child to bring up and her husband's debts to pay, had set about bravely to perform the task. She had become the most successful embroiderer in the town, her daughter had soon grown celebrated for her taste in designing new patterns, and now the widow owed nothing and could hardly fill all the orders she received from the richest ladies in the land.

As the people entered the church the organ's peal rose to the vaulted roof, and Widow Gudule, kneeling at Christine's side, heard her murmured prayer: "Sweet Saviour Jesus, protect him! Bring him back to us that I may tell him I have not forgotten him!"

The mother smiled sadly, for she had had experience of the world, and she knew that with young people remembrance, often fades. Every Christmas eve Christine had said, "Suppose he should come tonight!" and when her mother tried to explain how unlikely it was that the youth who for a single hour had been their guest should ever think of them again the girl only shook her head and answered, "He will come."

The widow was growing uneasy, for her daughter was 16 years old.

Suddenly, just as the priest turned round to administer communion to the faithful, a voice in the choir rose above the organ's strains, and Christine's face was transfigured as she whispered, "It is he!"

Oh, that beautiful voice—powerful, impassioned, yet as sweet as if it came straight from heaven!

"Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth" it sang, and Christine, carried out of herself as she listened, wept softly and wondered whether it were not indeed an angel's voice. With a saddened look in her soft blue eyes, she followed her mother out of the church, casting a wistful, timid glance up the dark winding staircase which led to the choir, and the widow, who also had recognized the voice, hurried her daughter away.

When they reached the street, the girl looked about her in vain, for there was no sign of the red cap and dark curls of the young lute player, no strange figure was to be seen except a tall man wrapped in a handsome cloak and wearing a gold embroidered cap which glistened in the moonlight. When the two women arrived at their home, this person stepped quickly up, and with a bow said:

"Merry Christmas to you, Dame Gudule! Merry Christmas, Miss Christine! Will you let the Florentine singer share your supper once again?"

"I knew he would come, mother!" cried Christine, and the widow, in spite of her misgivings, almost against her will, added:

"He is welcome as before."

They all entered the house, and when the girl had lighted the candles on the supper table Maso Napone gazed round the room eagerly. It was unchanged, and he even recognized the old chest on which he, the poor orphan minstrel, had laid his cloak and lute on that night eight years before. When Maso took off his cloak, Christine was astonished to see that the slender stripling had become a strong, handsome man, who looked at her with smiling admiration. Her simple yet well fitting blue gown showed her graceful figure to advantage. While she filled his cup Maso said to her, "One might take you for an angel now."

Then he related how Master Kriegwinckel had brought him up and taught him and been a father to him. The old man was dead now, and Maso once more traveled about to earn his living by singing. But he went as a great artist, not a poor vagabond. Kings and princes wrote asking him to come and sing to them, just as the master had predicted. He was rich and honored, and yet he was not happy, for he was alone.

"Dame Gudule," he added after a pause, "you once gave me a mother's kiss—will you now accept me as your son? Will you let me ask Christine if she remembers her promise?"

"I remember," murmured the girl, while her mother smiled and nodded.

"You promised not to forget me, and to love me all your life," he said, taking her hand. "I have always thought of you, and I love you, Christine, my little Christmas rose! Sweetheart, will you be my wife?"

"I knew you would come back," was all her answer.

Then Maso put upon her finger a gold ring set with precious stones, and said gayly, as he kissed her lips:

"A queen gave me this ring, and I kept it for you, my darling, that are more precious than all the queens on earth!"—J. Colomb in Short Stories.

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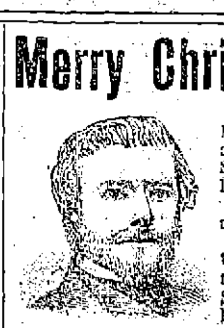

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For 15 years past the couple had con...ted the factory boarding house of ...s village, and Mrs. Wilton was en... about the house in preparing the ... when the deed was committed. ... Wilton was in the sink room when ...led to her husband to aid her in ... some meat. Wilton went into ...nk room from the sitting room, but ...ed to comply with her request.

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...rds were exchanged, and Wilton ...een to strike his wife, felling her to ...or. She arose and made tantaliz... ...arks to her husband Finally she ...to the dining room, and as she ... Wilton, he kicked her Following ... the latter room the quarrel was ...ued.

...e five or six minutes elapsed, and ... Wilton left the house, saying as he ... through the room where the board...re that he "wasn't coming back," ...idding them goodby.

...gh Soraghan then visited the dining ... and found Mrs. Wilton lying upon ... floor with her head resting against a ...board door.

About the room were scattered teacups ...d other articles which Mrs. Wilton pre...mably had hurled at her infuriated ...sband.

Murderer Was Cool.

After Wilton had left the house he proceeded to the corner of Osgood and Pleasant streets, a short distance away, where the electric street railway track leads to ...is city.

There he was seen by Samuel Stevens ...Salutations were exchanged, and Mr. Stevens drove by. Upon reaching the foot of the court where the Wilton residence is located, Mr. Stevens was met by Soraghan, who informed him that Wilton and his wife had a quarrel, and that he, Soraghan, thought the latter had been killed.

Mr. Stevens deemed it advisable to detain Wilton, and driving back, overtook him walking rapidly toward North Andover village. Upon being questioned Wilton denied having assaulted his wife, but finally admitted that she had thrown teacups at him and that he had struck her.

Officer Toohey shortly afterward gave the startling information that Mrs Wilton was dead. Wilton was then locked up. Upon learning the effect of his brutality Wilton was overcome and wept like a child.

Liquor at the Bottom of It.

Captain John Wilton, the murderer, is well known in the town of North Andover, and derived his title from having once been at the head of old Cochickewick hand tub company of North Andover. He was born in Prestbury, Eng, May 1, 1842, and came to this country in 1872.

Fifteen years ago Wilton and his wife, whom he had married in England previous to his leaving that country, and who had joined him after taking up his residence in North Andover, opened the boarding house in Stevens village.

For a time the couple lived happily together, until the craving for liquor secured its hold upon both, and then the trouble began. Wilton was a powerful man, good hearted and kind except when his temper was aroused.

Mrs. Wilton was born in Yorkshire, Eng., and was 46 years of age. She was quite small in stature, and no match for her husband.

Wilton and his wife had had no children, but an adopted daughter, Florence E., aged 18 years, was a member of the household, and at the time of the tragedy was confined to her bed by illness in an adjoining room.

A Murderous Lover.

COTOPAX, Colo., Dec. 26.—Jack Clements of White Pine shot and fatally wounded Louis Muehlbach at Cooldale. He then ...ied to kill his victim's daughter, but ...failed. Clements was overpowered and disarmed, but he escaped. The shooting grew out of the refusal of Miss Muehlbach to marry Clements.

Frisco's Fire.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—Fire broke out yesterday in the block bounded by Clay, Commercial, Sansom and Leidersdorff streets, and in a few minutes one of the biggest fires of the year was raging. Fire Marshall Towne estimates the loss at ...00,000, but others say the loss will not ...e over $100,000.

A Baltimore Society Event.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 26.—The marriage of ...iss Frances Ewing, daughter of Judge ...ing, to T. B. Beecher, a prominent ...ker of Memphis, took place last night ... Peter's Protestant Episcopal church. ...church was filled with leaders of so...ty.

Labor and Politics.

...NSAS CITY, Dec. 26.—Preliminary ar...gements have been made for the or...nization of an independent political ...ty in this city, which will be composed ... the members of the various union ...bor organizations of Kansas City.

Bicycle Records Smashed.

...W YORK, Dec. 26.—At the six-days' ...ce at Madison square the 100-...ecord was broken by Van Emburg. ...de the distance in 5h 30m. Hosmer ...the 12-hour record. He made 206 ...and four laps.

Nothing Will Be Saved.

...Me., Dec. 26.—Schooner Hattie ...Sealey, St. John, N. B., for Fall ...Mass., with lumber and deckload ...s, is ashore near here. She will ...otal loss.

Dynamite In a Church.

...Dec. 26.—During the celebration ...mass in the Catholic church ... a dynamite bomb was ex... The explosion caused a panic.

...Charged With Murder.

...Dec. 26.—Police Officers Healy ...under arrest charged with ...Nelson, who had given ...outside a saloon after they ...together. Nelson knocked ...when arrested at... ...officers fired re... ...wound from...

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Mgr. Satolli is to remain in America.

Henry Pettit, the dramatist, died in London.

Rio Janeiro has not been taken by insurgents.

Money is scarce in Chicago to pay city employes.

Pillsbury won the New York chess tournament.

Two men were killed by an explosion in Pittston, Pa.

Nora Birmingham, a Lynn, Mass., girl, is missing.

The Hamilton House, Washington, was damaged by fire.

Chancellor Von Caprivi professes to be tired of his office

The anti-tax movement has gained fresh headway in Sicily

A stove foundry in Sackville, N. B., was burned; loss $75,000.

A baby weighing but one pound was born at Lynn, Mass.

The big pulp mill at Madison, Me., is to resume operations.

The burning of the West Lynn, Mass, hotel caused $9000 loss.

Ex-Justice Walter E. Smith of Brooklyn committed suicide.

Ex-Congressman John C. Nichols of Blackshire, Ga., is dead.

Anarchist workshops were raided in Barcelona and Valvidera.

Bank President Willard R. Holmes of Kansas City was arrested.

Alexander Hamilton, Jr., committed suicide at Stoughton, Mass.

A supposed incendiary fire in Littleton, N. H., caused a loss of $15,000

Mrs. W. A. Braley of Monmouth, Me, committed suicide by hanging.

Most of the crew of the Vineyard sound lightship are sick with the grip

Timothy McDermott of Brooklyn fatally slashed George Clancy with a razor.

A young Czech was arrested at Prague for assassinating Police Agent Urva.

Daniel Clohecy of Haverhill, Mass., attempted suicide by cutting his throat.

German trades unions are purging their membership lists of anarchist suspects.

Emperor William and his family spent Christmas in the new palace at Potsdam.

Rufus F. Ingalls, recently appointed postmaster at Gorham, N. H., died suddenly.

Beatrice Hamilton is to sue the Broadway, New York, Cable Road company for $50,000.

The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad has passed into the hands of receivers

One man was killed and another injured by a caving gravel bank at Woburn, Mass.

Thomas F. Lowes of Chelsea, Mass., who stabbed his wife, was held for the grand jury

Boston aldermen voted down an order looking to the securing of pay for the use of the subway.

Bishop Lawrence will officiate as chaplain at the inauguration of the Boston city government.

Melville W Drew, one of the oldest and most successful business men of Jacksonville, Fla., is dead.

Vandals broke into a cemetery chapel and other buildings in New Haven and destroyed property.

Fire engines got tangled up with a street car at Portland, Me, and several persons were injured.

Two thousand garment cutters withdrew from the Knights of Labor in New York and New Jersey.

There was a deficit of $1,000,000 in the revenue of the Dominion for the fiscal year ending June 30 last

Governor Mitchell of Florida says he will stop the Corbett-Mitchell fight if he lives to exercise his authority.

John L. Sullivan mixed in a fight between members of his company and spent Sunday in jail at Sandusky, O.

Georgie Cornwall, the kidnapped Melrose, Mass., boy, was found by Boston police and returned to his home.

The 22-year-old Bohemian, Charles Pross, who shot himself at Newport, R. I., on account of a love affair, is dead.

Wallace B Miller, agent for the New Haven Steamboat company, died very suddenly of apoplexy at New Haven.

John E. Tribble, ship captain and revivalist, whose remarkable dreams have attracted attention, died at Mystic, Conn.

John E. Burns of Northampton, Mass, who took paris green and laid down upon the grave of his betrothed, died at a hospital.

Rev. R. F. Hurlburt of Marion, Ia, opened a series of revival meetings at the Methodist Episcopal church, Bridgewater, Mass.

Rev. Charles M. Sampson of St. Johnsbury, Vt., has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Center church, Hartford, Conn.

The St. Johnsbury, Vt., Daily Republican will suspend publication Wednesday. The Weekly Republican will be continued.

ENGLAND'S SAFETY

Now Depends Upon Immediate Attention to Her Defenses.

LONDON, Dec. 26—The Times, reviewing the general political situation, says that circumstances throughout the world generally do not appear to favor the prevalence of peace and good will. After referring to the wars in South America, The Times says:

"Everywhere the great powers stand watching each other with incessant suspicion, straining their resources to the utmost in preparing for the anticipated attack Happily, there is no immediate danger of war; but it is idle to deny that in many quarters and between many people the tension is greater now than it was a few months ago."

The Times proceeds to urge that the safety of the empire demands urgent and imperative attention being paid to the defenses.

For Orphans' Benefit.

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec 26.—The extensive plant of El Democrata, a daily newspaper which was confiscated by the government, because of its opposition tendencies, has been donated to the orphan asylums of this city, by order of the first district judge.

Charley Is Anxious to Fight.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26—Charley Mitchell says he will fulfill his contract in Florida unless prevented by law, and will fight Corbett anyway at some place with or without a purse, as it has become a personal matter.

In the Jury's Hands.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—All the evidence in the Prendergast trial is in. The jurymen will have two full days in which to ponder over the expert testimony before the attorneys make their speeches. The death penalty will be asked for by the state. The verdict will prob... be returned by Friday.

Jews Must Go...

LONDON, Dec. 26.—A St. Petersburg dispatch to The Chronicle s... that hosts of Jews are being expelled from Kieff. The expulsions from St. Pet...burg con... ...upon a milder sca...

CRANK CAUGHT

Washington Officials Have Been Pestered By Him.

WAS CONTINUALLY WRITING THREATENING LETTERS.

Police Had Watched for Him Many Days.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26—Joseph Donjon, the man who has been writing threatening letters to a number of prominent public men during the last two weeks, is in jail.

A letter from this man to Senator Mills a few days ago caused the senator's son, Charles H. Mills, to secure leave from the authorities to go armed for the protection of his father. This was the cause of bringing the man's acts more prominently before the public.

For several months past he has been writing similar letters to a number of prominent public men, among whom were Vice President Stevenson, Senator Gorman, Senator Mills, Senator Sherman and, as the man himself claims, President Cleveland and Secretary Lamont. As long ago as during the fight over the silver question in the senate Vice President Stevenson received letters almost daily from Donjon, who was then in Newark, N. J. No attention was paid to them. The vice president yesterday received a letter which was dated from 804 Leigh street, this city.

Donjon's Story.

A number of reporters were at the police station to see the man, and he talked very freely. He is 28 years old, dark and sallow, and has a greasy complexion and a rather slouchy look He has the drooping eyelids which usually accompany a brooding and melancholy disposition. He talks very rationally and with a rather studied effort to avoid any appearance of bitterness or the expression of any anarchistic views

Donjon is an Austrian by birth and lays stress on the assertion that he is a Catholic and professes a degree of piety. His story is that he came to this country when 15 years old. He had been a telegraph operator, but gave up this work because there was some slight difference in the instruments and the alphabet. "Under those circumstances," he continued, "if I had secured a job they would have sent me to some remote office in the far west where there are coyotes and cougars and other dangerous creatures" In this the prisoner showed a fantastic apprehension that was characteristic of the tone of his whole recital

Visited the Northwest.

He became a bench moulder after he came her... and claims to have worked for a time in Ohio. Later with his father and mother and brother he went to Newark, N. J. Last May, ...ing out of employment, he went west to Washington and Idaho, and he tells a rather tearful tale of the dangers he encountered from rough miners in that country while prospecting for gold. Then he went back to Newark and lived with his parents and brothers at 128 Burnett street This agrees with the address of the earlier letters received from him here

He contends that he was prevented from securing employment because he was not a member of the Knights of Labor or any other labor union As to the letters he has been writing, he claims that he was incited to write them by other people, receiving $100 for doing it. Asked as to the character of the persons who did this, he disclaimed that they were anarchist, or that they formed any association. They were merely private persons. He also denies that there were any threats in the letters or any reference to dynamite. "I never saw dynamite, and wouldn't know it if I saw it," said he.

When asked what right he had to compose such letters at the bidding of other people, he simply inquired: "What right have you to write? ... What I am telling you ... it was simply a business I went into to make a living, just as you write news for the newspapers."

His "Propositions."

He claimed that all that was contained in any of the letters were a proposition to each of the men addressed to forward him the cost of transportation to Washington and an offer to come on there and make a business proposition to them.

The man came to Washington three days ago from Baltimore. Sunday he fell in with a German on a bench in one of the public parks. The man was drunk, but spoke some words of encouragement, and told him that he was out of work, too, but gave him a quarter and hoped he might soon find employment. He thought the best thing he could do with the quarter was to get some postal cards and make another effort to secure answers from them to whom he had been sending.

He took lodgings and waited all yesterday for some one to appear in reply to his postal cards, but no one came. He then determined, he says, to start out to look for Chief Drummond and brought up in the station.

Poor Year For Cereal Crops.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The preliminary statement of the board of agriculture shows that the year's yield of barley is 10,000,000 bushels less than in 1892, although 40,000 more acres were planted there. Of oats there are 6,000,000 bushels less, although 160,000 more acres were planted. The yield of wheat has fallen 9,000,000 bushels and the acreage has decreased 300,000.

Not Much of a Warship.

LONDON, Dec. 26—A dispatch from Paris says that M. Clemenceau will publish from Toulon a letter declaring that the man-of-war Magenta can not keep upright and that her second trial trip has been indefinitely postponed because of the risk to 600 lives and 25,000,000 francs. The writer says that the Magenta's condition calls for a parliamentary inquiry.

An Old Maine Democrat.

EASTPORT, Me, Dec. 26.—Hon. Robert Burns, for many years a prominent business man and Democratic leader in this district, died yesterday, aged 83 He was born in New Hampshire in 1811, came to Eastport in 1840, where he resided until his death.

America Will Be Ready.

LONDON, Dec. 26—Admiral Montague will have a new 40-footer next season. It will be designed by Watson Admiral Montague says that he is open to race this cutter against any new boat of the same class designed by an American designer for a substantial stake. The American boat must be designed by an American.

Bold Brigand Bagged.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—A dispatch from Pa... announces the capture of the Alger... brigand, Areski El Bachir, who has ... been a terror to the inhabitants of ...ria.

THE LUMBER SCHEDULE.

Canadians Want to See No Change In the Wilson Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Information received here indicates that the Canadian government is taking no chances, and is at work to secure the retention of lumber on the free list in the Wilson bill. The opposition of certain interests to placing lumber on the free list has aroused the Canadian government, and Mr. Courtney, the deputy minister of finance, has been sent here. The argument that is being used to overcome the opposition to free lumber is that, in case this provision is eliminated from the Wilson bill, an export duty will be levied by the Canadian government on logs and lumber.

Logs are now on the free list by the law of 1890, as well as the law of 1883. In other words, the Dominion government has now taken the position that if the United States refuses to admit sawed lumber free, it will deprive the United States mills of the benefit of free Canadian logs. The Wilson bill has a provision in it supplementing the lumber schedule to the effect that free lumber will not be operative as against countries imposing an export duty on lumber.

"DIDN'T KNOW," ETC.

A Lynn Lad Fires a Fatal Shot In the Face of a Chum.

LYNN, Mass., Dec. 26.—Patrick O'Rourke, 23 years of age, was instantly killed yesterday afternoon in his boarding house, 17 Allen's court. He met his death through the carelessness of Bernard H. McLaughlin, 17 years of age, who pulled the trigger of a self-acting revolver while the muzzle was close to O'Rourke's face.

The bullet had entered the forehead between the left eye and the nose, and had coursed on, entering the brain at the base. O'Rourke laid on the floor of the hallway at the top of the house, and McLaughlin, crazed with grief, was bending over the body of his chum, crying bitterly.

"I didn't mean to shoot him, and I did not know it was loaded," said McLaughlin to the inquiries made by those who had witnessed the last scene. The police were notified and McLaughlin was taken to the station.

Railroad Horror Averted.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. 26.—The watchfulness of the men in charge of the temporary trestle over the Westfield river, on the Boston and Albany road, where the terrible wreck of Aug. 31 occurred, was the cause of averting another railroad horror yesterday. Shortly after a train had passed, three of the main supports of the structure were carried away by the breaking of the ice, and the bridge was made unsafe for passage. Trains east and west were delayed by the transfer, which had to be made by team.

Portsmouth's Stabbing Case.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Dec. 26.—In the police court Timothy Cronin, who stabbed George Alfred Turner yesterday morning, was arraigned before Judge Batchelder, charged with an assault with intent to kill A continuance was granted until Jan. 2, so that the extent of Turner's injuries would be known. The prisoner was held in $1000, which he was unable to furnish, and the was committed to jail. Turner is gradually growing weaker and very little hopes are entertained for his recovery.

Five Big Ships For Russia.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The report that the Russian government has bought from the United States and Brazil Mail Steamship company five steamships to be used in connection with the Russian government's transcontinental railroad in Siberia is confirmed. The vessels are the Cigurana, Vigilanta, Advance, Finance and Alliance. They are all big ships, supplied with modern machinery, and the price received for the five was $1,000,000.

Summary Vengeance.

BAINBRIDGE, Ga., Dec. 26—A big negro named Calvin Thomas entered the premises of Mr. Sellers, a Baptist minister, and when Mrs. Sellers went to milk the cows Thomas threw her down, beat her severely and outraged her. Thomas was arrested. He confessed and was placed in a guardhouse. During the night the guardhouse was broken open by unknown parties and Thomas was riddled with bullets.

Defended His Assailant.

BROCKTON, Dec. 26.—A serious stabbing affray took place near Arch and Montello streets, John Gracie receiving a bad cut on his left wrist, which severed the main artery. His assailant quickly disappeared. Faint from loss of blood, Gracie staggered into a house near by and was afterwards conveyed to the station, thence to his home. He refused to give the name of the person who stabbed him.

Waite Calls a Special Meeting.

DENVER, Dec. 26.—Governor Waite last night issued the long-talked-of call for a special session of the legislature, to meet Jan. 10, 1894 The governor justifies his proclamation by declaring that "The mining interests of the state have been unjustly and unconstitutionally attacked by congress and the present administration." He suggests many measures which he is known to advocate.

Crowd Looked On.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 26—A telegram from Marshall, Tex., says that Pacific Express Messenger McCullough was knocked down by a negro and robbed of a package which contained from $5000 to $8000. Although the act was done while a crowd of people was present the robber escaped, and there is no clue to his identity.

Third Suicide In the Family.

YPSILANTI, Mich., Dec. 26.—With his dead wife's photograph in his hand, the body of Albert Forsythe was found dead on his bed at his boarding place here. He had committed suicide. Six years ago his brother Howard hanged himself, and six months later his brother James committed suicide.

A Mysterious Case.

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—Mrs. Ellen Murray, 85 years old, of Tremont street, Brighton, is at the point of death, suffering from an injury to the brain. She left her sister's Saturday night in good health, and Sunday morning her husband reported that she lay unconscious in bed. Investigation showed that she was the victim of an assault. The husband is suspected. She will probably die

WANT BATTLE

Peixoto's War Vessels Will Search For Mello.

NAVAL CONFLICT WILL OCCUR IN A FEW DAYS.

Insurgents Are Manning Ships With Convicts.

PERNAMBUCO, Dec. 26.—The situation of affairs has very materially changed in this city within the last few hours. Until Christmas morning Pernambuco believed that its harbor was to be the scene of the first big naval battle between the Republica, Admiral Mello's best warship, and the Aquidaban, her companion, on the one side, and the Nictheroy, President Peixoto's dynamite gun cruiser, on the other.

This belief was amply justified by the report received a few days ago that the Republica and the Aquidaban had been seen off the Brazilian coast, headed northward, and apparently bound for Pernambuco, as if to take the Nictheroy by surprise and compel her to fight without a chance of putting to sea.

The news received here yesterday changed the whole aspect of affairs. The rebel warships, it is learned, were not on their way to Pernambuco, but had sailed toward the mountainous and rugged island of Fernando de Noronha, where there is a large convict settlement. This island, despite its ruggedness, possesses considerable fertility, and its several harbors, defended by forts, would enable Mello to make a vigorous resistance of the attacking party.

Mello Wants Fighters.

The revolutionary admiral's object in going to Fernando de Noronha, which is over 100 miles from the main coast of Brazil, is to compel as many able-bodied convicts as he can find in the settlement to go aboard his vessels and join their crews. It is said that he expects to secure not less than 1000 men in this way.

Upon receipt of this news aboard the Nictheroy there was great activity noticeable. Members of the crew were sent ashore in small boats to search through the town for such of the Nictheroy's men as had been allowed leave to land to hurry them back to the vessel.

The Nictheroy's commander had apparently received instructions as to how he should act in such an emergency, and these instructions, it is believed, were to the effect that if he became convinced that the coming to Pernambuco of the Republica and the Aquidaban proved to be untrue, and that these vessels, instead of starting, were evading fight, he should lose no further time, but put to sea at once and force them into a naval contest for superiority.

Now For a Fight.

This view of the case proved to be correct, for yesterday afternoon, when all of the men belonging to the Nictheroy's crew had been gotten aboard, she steamed out to sea and pointed her nose for the northwest. The Nictheroy's destination is the island of Fernando de Noronha.

If this information is correct, the long expected sea battle between the revolutionists and the government war vessels will in all probability be fought within a short time.

Highly Sensational Suicide.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 26.—Mlle. Michailova, a favorite danseuse of the Imperial theater, invited a party of friends to supper. While they were all seated at the table the hostess arose hurriedly, in a few brief, sharp words bid farewell to her guests, swallowed a dose of poison and fell dead before her horrified friends.

Was an Old Wall Street Man.

DANBURY, Conn., Dec. 26—Andrew Hull, an old and respected citizen of this city, died at his home here yesterday afternoon. He was a well-known figure on Wall street and in the produce exchange, New York, of which he was a member. In his day he was known as a daring speculator.

A Refuge For Criminals.

LITTLE ROCK, Dec. 26.—Governor Fishback has written a letter to President Cleveland complaining of the fact that Indian territory is an asylum for dangerous criminals of all kinds. He cites developments in the recent train robbery and murder at Oliphant in support of his statements.

Battleship In a Bad Fix.

QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 26.—The British battleship Resolution, which was damaged during a severe gale in the Bay of Biscay on her voyage to Gibraltar, was compelled to put back into this port, as she rolled terribly for three days. Her hull is badly strained and she must be docked for repairs.

Chewed Up by a Dog.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 26.—A large Newfoundland dog in resenting a kick from 14-year-old James Collins of Covington literally chewed him to pieces. A crowd of more than 1000 looked on without the courage to interfere. A policeman finally lassoed and shot the animal. The boy will die.

Old Newspaper Man Dead.

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 26.—Major Clarence M. Barton, one of the best known newspaper men in the northwest, formerly connected with newspapers in Washington and Philadelphia, is dead. He was one of the founders of the Knights of Pythias.

Brought Joy to Children.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. 26.—The Kamp Kumfort klub, an organization of local business men, entertained 1400 children under 12 years of age last evening. After a short musical entertainment $1000 worth of presents were given away.

Earthquake In Pennsylvania.

HUNTINGTON, Pa., Dec. 26.—A very perceptible shock of earthquake was felt in this section early yesterday morning. It was sufficient to awaken many persons from their slumber.

Bad Man With a Gun.

ENTERPRISE, Miss., Dec. 26.—At a negro dance here last evening liquor was freely drunk and a row resulted. Paul Dumas seriously wounded five persons who were in range of him.

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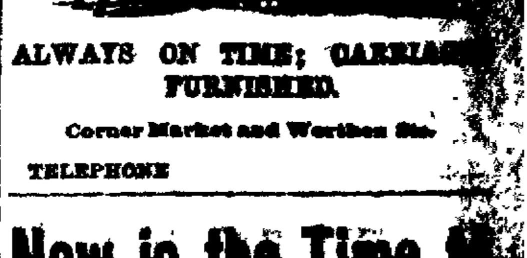
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TRAGEDY

Man in Andover Brutally Murders His Wife.

CONGRESSMAN STEVENS' SON CAPTURES THE MURDERER.

Tragedy Was the Outcome of Family Dispute.

LAWRENCE, Mass., Dec. 26.—Captain John Wilton, a spinner in Stevens' mill, murdered his wife, Emily A., Sunday afternoon. The tragedy took place at the family residence in Stevens village, three-quarters of a mile from the center of the town and was the outcome of a family quarrel. No weapons figured in the affair, the victim being brutally beaten to death. For 15 years past the couple had con-...ted the factory boarding house of ...s village, and Mrs. Wilton was en-... about the house in preparing the ... when the deed was committed. ... Wilton was in the sink room when ...lled to her husband to aid her in ...g some meat. Wilton went into ...nk room from the sitting room, but ...ed to comply with her request.

Knocked Her Down.

...rds were exchanged, and Wilton ...een to strike his wife, felling her to ...or. She arose and made tantaliz-...arks to her husband. Finally she ...nto the dining room, and as she ... Wilton, he kicked her. Following ... the latter room the quarrel was ...ned. ...e five or six minutes elapsed, and ... Wilton left the house, saying as he ... through the room where the board-...ere that he "wasn't coming back," ...idding them goodby. ...gh Soraghan then visited the dining ...n and found Mrs. Wilton lying upon ... floor with her head resting against a ...board door. ...bout the room were scattered teacups ...d other articles which Mrs. Wilton pre-...mably had hurled at her infuriated husband.

Murderer Was Cool.

After Wilton had left the house he proceeded to the corner of Osgood and Pleasant streets, a short distance away, where the electric street railway track leads to ...is city. There he was seen by Samuel Stevens. Salutations were exchanged, and Mr. Stevens drove by. Upon reaching the foot of the court where the Wilton residence is located, Mr. Stevens was met by Soraghan, who informed him that Wilton and his wife had a quarrel, and that he, Soraghan, thought the latter had been killed.

Mr. Stevens deemed it advisable to detain Wilton, and driving back, overtook him walking rapidly toward North Andover village. Upon being questioned Wilton denied having assaulted his wife, but finally admitted that she had thrown teacups at him and that he had struck her.

Officer Toobey shortly afterward gave the startling information that Mrs. Wilton was dead. Wilton was then locked up. Upon learning the effect of his brutality Wilton was overcome and wept like a child.

Liquor at the Bottom of It.

Captain John Wilton, the murderer, is well known in the town of North Andover, and derived his title from having once been at the head of old Cochichewick hand tub company of North Andover. He was born in Prestbury, Eng., May 1, 1842, and came to this country in 1872.

Fifteen years ago Wilton and his wife, whom he had married in England previous to his leaving that country, and who had joined him after taking up his residence in North Andover, opened the boarding house in Stevens village.

For a time the couple lived happily together, until the craving for liquor secured its hold upon both, and then the trouble began. Wilton was a powerful man, good hearted and kind except when his temper was aroused.

Mrs. Wilton was born in Yorkshire, Eng., and was 46 years of age. She was quite small in stature, and no match for her husband.

Wilton and his wife had had no children, but an adopted daughter, Florence E., aged 18 years, was a member of the household, and at the time of the tragedy was confined to her bed by illness in an adjoining room.

A Murderous Lover.

COTOPAX, Colo., Dec. 26.—Jack Clements of White Pine shot and fatally wounded Louis Muehlbach at Cooldale. He then ...ried to kill his victim's daughter, but failed. Clements was overpowered and disarmed, but he escaped. The shooting grew out of the refusal of Miss Muehlbach to marry Clements.

Frisco's Fire.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—Fire broke out yesterday in the block bounded by Clay, Commercial, Sansom and Leidersdorff streets, and in a few minutes one of the biggest fires of the year was raging. Fire Marshall Towne estimates the loss at $500,000, but others say the loss will not be over $160,000.

A Baltimore Society Event.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 26.—The marriage of ...iss Frances Ewing, daughter of Judge ...ving, to T. B. Beecher, a prominent ...ker of Memphis, took place last night ... Peter's Protestant Episcopal church. ...church was filled with leaders of so-...ety.

Labor and Politics.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 26.—Preliminary ar-...angements have been made for the or-...anization of an independent political ...rty in this city, which will be composed ... the members of the various union ...bor organizations of Kansas City.

Bicycle Records Smashed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—At the six-days' cycle race at Madison square the 100-...le record was broken by Van Emburg. ...made the distance in 5h. 30m. Hosmer ...ke the 12-hour record. He made 225 ...es and four laps.

Nothing Will Be Saved.

...ATH, Me., Dec. 26.—Schooner Hattie ...ker, Seelay, St. John, N. B., for Fall ...er, Mass., with lumber and deckload ...hingles, is ashore near here. She will ... total loss.

Dynamite In a Church.

...ARIS, Dec. 26.—During the celebration ... midnight mass in the Catholic church ... Beziers a dynamite bomb was ex-...ded. The explosion caused a panic.

Policemen Charged With Murder.

...HICAGO, Dec. 26.—Police Officers Healy ... Doran are under arrest charged with ...rdering Samuel Nelson, who had given ...n trouble outside a saloon after they had a drink together. Nelson knocked ...down and when arrested at-...d to escape. Both officers fired re-..., one inflicting a wound from ... Nelson soon died.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Mgr. Satolli is to remain in America.

Henry Pettit, the dramatist, died in London.

Rio Janeiro has not been taken by insurgents.

Money is scarce in Chicago to pay city employes.

Pillsbury won the New York chess tournament.

Two men were killed by an explosion in Pittston, Pa.

Nora Birmingham, a Lynn, Mass., girl, is missing.

The Hamilton House, Washington, was damaged by fire.

Chancellor Von Caprivi professes to be tired of his office.

The anti-tax movement has gained fresh headway in Sicily.

A stove foundry in Sackville, N. B., was burned; loss $75,000.

A baby weighing but one pound was born at Lynn, Mass.

The big pulp mill at Madison, Me., is to resume operations.

The burning of the West Lynn, Mass., hotel caused $9000 loss.

Ex-Justice Walter E. Smith of Brooklyn committed suicide.

Ex-Congressman John C. Nichols of Blackshire, Ga., is dead.

Anarchist workshops were raided in Barcelona and Valvidera.

Bank President Willard R. Holmes of Kansas City was arrested.

Alexander Hamilton, Jr., committed suicide at Stoughton, Mass.

A supposed incendiary fire in Littleton, N. H., caused a loss of $15,000.

Mrs. W. A. Braley of Monmouth, Me., committed suicide by hanging.

Most of the crew of the Vineyard sound lightship are sick with the grip.

Timothy McDermott of Brooklyn fatally slashed George Clancy with a razor.

A young Czech was arrested at Prague for assassinating Police Agent Urva.

Daniel Clohecy of Haverbill, Mass., attempted suicide by cutting his throat.

German trades unions are purging their membership lists of anarchist suspects.

Emperor William and his family spent Christmas in the new palace at Potsdam.

Rufus F. Ingalls, recently appointed postmaster at Gorham, N. H., died suddenly.

Beatrice Hamilton is to sue the Broadway, New York, Cable Road company for $50,000.

The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad has passed into the hands of receivers.

One man was killed and another injured by a caving gravel bank at Woburn, Mass.

Thomas F. Lowes of Chelsea, Mass., who stabbed his wife, was held for the grand jury.

Boston aldermen voted down an order looking to the securing of pay for the use of the subway.

Bishop Lawrence will officiate as chaplain at the inauguration of the Boston city government.

Melville W. Drew, one of the oldest and most successful business men of Jacksonville, Fla., is dead.

Vandals broke into a cemetery chapel and other buildings in New Haven and destroyed property.

Fire engines got tangled up with a street car at Portland, Me., and several persons were injured.

Two thousand garment cutters withdrew from the Knights of Labor in New York and New Jersey.

There was a deficit of $1,000,000 in the revenue of the Dominion for the fiscal year ending June 30 last.

Governor Mitchell of Florida says he will stop the Corbett-Mitchell fight if he lives to exercise his authority.

John L. Sullivan mixed in a fight between members of his company and spent Sunday in jail at Sandusky, O.

Georgie Cornwall, the kidnapped Melrose, Mass., boy, was found by Boston police and returned to his home.

The 22-year-old Bohemian, Charles Pross, who shot himself at Newport, R. I., on account of a love affair, is dead.

Wallace B. Miller, agent for the New Haven Steamboat company, died very suddenly of apoplexy at New Haven.

John E. Tribble, ship captain and revivalist, whose remarkable dreams have attracted attention, died at Mystic, Conn.

John E. Burns of Northampton, Mass., who took paris green and laid down upon the grave of his betrothed, died at a hospital.

Rev. R. F. Hurlburt of Marion, Ia., opened a series of revival meetings at the Methodist Episcopal church, Bridgewater, Mass.

Rev. Charles M. Sampson of St. Johnsbury, Vt., has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Center church, Hartford, Conn.

The St. Johnsbury, Vt., Daily Republican will suspend publication Wednesday. The Weekly Republican will be continued.

ENGLAND'S SAFETY

Now Depends Upon Immediate Attention to Her Defenses.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The Times, reviewing the general policical situation, says that circumstances throughout the world generally do not appear to favor the prevalence of peace and good will. After referring to the wars in South America, The Times says:

"Everywhere the great powers stand watching each other with incessant suspicion, straining their resources to the utmost in preparing for the anticipated attack. Happily, there is no immediate danger of war; but it is idle to deny that in many quarters and between many people the tension is greater now than it was a few months ago."

The Times proceeds to urge that the safety of the empire demands urgent and imperative attention being paid to the defenses.

For Orphans' Benefit.

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 26.—The extensive plant of El Democrata, a daily newspaper which was confiscated by the government, because of its opposition tendencies, has been donated to the orphan asylums of this city, by order of the first district judge.

Charley Is Anxious to Fight.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26.—Charley Mitchell says he will fulfill his contract in Florida unless prevented by law, and will fight Corbett anyway at some place with or without a purse, as it has become a personal matter.

In the Jury's Hands.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—All the evidence in the Prendergast trial is in. The jurymen will have two full days in which to ponder over the expert testimony before the attorneys make their speeches. The death penalty will be asked for by the state. The verdict will probably be returned by Friday.

Jews Must Go.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—A St. Petersburg dispatch to The Chronicle s...s that hosts of Jews are being expelled from Kieff. The expulsions from St. Pet...sburg continue, but upon a milder sca...

CRANK CAUGHT

Washington Officals Have Been Pestered By Him.

WAS CONTINUALLY WRITING THREATENING LETTERS.

Police Had Watched for Him Many Days.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Joseph Donjon, the man who has been writing threatening letters to a number of prominent public men during the last two weeks, is in jail.

A letter from this man to Senator Mills a few days ago caused the senator's son, Charles H. Mills, to secure leave from the authorities to go armed for the protection of his father. This was the cause of bringing the man's acts more prominently before the public.

For several months past he has been writing similar letters to a number of prominent public men, among whom were Vice President Stevenson, Senator Gorman, Senator Mills, Senator Sherman and, as the man himself claims, President Cleveland and Secretary Lamont. As long ago as during the fight over the silver question in the senate Vice President Stevenson received letters almost daily from Donjon, who was then in Newark, N. J. No attention was paid to them. The vice president yesterday received a letter which was dated from 304 Leigh street, this city.

Donjon's Story.

A number of reporters were at the police station to see the man, and he talked very freely. He is 26 years old, dark and sallow, and has a greasy complexion and a rather slouchy look. He has the drooping eyelids which usually accompany a brooding and melancholy disposition. He talks very rationally and with a rather studied effort to avoid any appearance of bitterness or the expression of any anarchistic views.

Donjon is an Austrian by birth and lays stress on the assertion that he is a Catholic and professes a degree of piety. His story is that he came to this country when 15 years old. He had been a telegraph operator, but gave up this work because there was some slight difference in the instruments and the alphabet. "Under those circumstances," he continued, "if I had secured a job they would have sent me to some remote office in the far west where there are coyotes and cougars and other dangerous creatures." In this the prisoner showed a fantastic apprehension that was characteristic of the tone of his whole recital.

Visited the Northwest.

He became a bench moulder after he came here and claims to have worked for a time in Ohio. Later with his father and mother and brother he went to Newark, N. J. Last day, going on an employment, he went west to Washington and Idaho, and he tells a rather fearful tale of the dangers he encountered from rough miners in that country while prospecting for gold. Then he went back to Newark and lived with his parents and brothers at 128 Burnett street. This agrees with the address of the earlier letters received from him here.

He contends that he was prevented from securing employment because he was not a member of the Knights of Labor or any other labor union. As to the letters he has been writing, he claims that he was incited to write them by other people, receiving $100 for doing it. Asked as to the character of the persons who did this, he disclaimed that they were anarchist, or that they formed any association. They were merely private persons. He also denies that there were any threats in the letters or any reference to dynamite. "I never saw dynamite, and wouldn't know it if I saw it," said he.

When asked what right he had to compose such letters at the bidding of other people, he simply inquired: "What right have you to write down what I am telling you. It was simply a business I went into to make a living, just as you write news for the newspapers."

His "Propositions."

He claimed that all that was contained in any of the letters were a proposition to each of the men addressed to forward him the cost of transportation to Washington and an offer to come on there and make a business proposition to them.

The man came to Washington three days ago from Baltimore. Sunday he fell in with a German on a bench in one of the public parks. The man was drunk, but spoke some words of encouragement, and told him, that he was out of work, too, but gave him a quarter and hoped he might soon find employment. He thought the best thing he could do with the quarter was to get some postal cards and make another effort to secure answers from them to whom he had been sending. He took lodgings and waited all yesterday for some one to appear in reply to his postal cards, but no one came. He then determined, he says, to start out to look for Chief Drummond, and brought up in the station.

Poor Year For Cereal Crops.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The preliminary statement of the board of agriculture shows that the year's yield of barley is 10,000,000 bushels less than in 1892, although 40,900 more acres were planted there. Of oats there are 6,000,000 bushels less, although 159,000 more acres were planted. The yield of wheat has fallen 9,000,000 bushels and the acreage has decreased 300,000.

Not Much of a Warship.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—A dispatch from Paris says that M. Clemenceau will publish from Toulon a letter declaring that the man-of-war Magenta can not keep upright and that her second trial trip has been indefinitely postponed because of the risk to 600 lives and 25,000,000 francs. The writer says that the Magenta's condition calls for a parliamentary inquiry.

An Old Maine Democrat.

EASTPORT, Me., Dec. 26.—Hon. Robert Burns, for many years a prominent business man and Democratic leader in this district, died yesterday, aged 83. He was born in New Hampshire in 1811, came to Eastport in 1846, where he resided until his death.

America Will Be Ready.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Admiral Montague will have a new 40-footer next season. It will be designed by Watson. Admiral Montague says that he is open to race this cutter against any new boat of the same class designed by an American designer for a substantial stake. The American boat must be designed by an American.

Bold Brigand Bagged.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—A dispatch from Pa... announces the capture of the Algeri... brigand, Areski El Bachir, who has long been a terror to the inhabitants of Ka...bylia.

THE LUMBER SCHEDULE.

Canadians Want to See No Change In the Wilson Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Information received here indicates that the Canadian government is taking no chances, and is at work to secure the retention of lumber on the free list in the Wilson bill. The opposition of certain interests to placing lumber on the free list has aroused the Canadian government, and Mr. Courtney, the deputy minister of finance, has been sent here. The argument that is being used to overcome the opposition to free lumber is that, in case this provision is eliminated from the Wilson bill, an export duty will be levied by the Canadian government on logs and lumber.

Logs are now on the free list by the law of 1890, as well as the law of 1883. In other words, the Dominion government has now taken the position that if the United States refuses to admit sawed lumber free, it will deprive the United States mills of the benefit of free Canadian logs. The Wilson bill has a provision in it supplementing the lumber schedule to the effect that free lumber will not be operative as against countries imposing an export duty on lumber.

"DIDN'T KNOW," ETC.

A Lynn Lad Fires a Fatal Shot In the Face of a Chum.

LYNN, Mass., Dec. 26.—Patrick O'Rourke, 28 years of age, was instantly killed yesterday afternoon in his boarding house, 17 Allen's court. He met his death through the carelessness of Bernard H. McLaughlin, 17 years of age, who pulled the trigger of a self-acting revolver while the muzzle was close to O'Rourke's face.

The bullet had entered the forehead between the left eye and the nose, and had coursed on, entering the brain at the base. O'Rourke laid on the floor of the hallway at the top of the house, and McLaughlin, crazed with grief, was bending over the body of his chum, crying bitterly.

"I didn't mean to shoot him, and I did not know it was loaded," said McLaughlin to the inquiries made by those who had witnessed the last scene. The police were notified and McLaughlin was taken to the station.

Railroad Horror Averted.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. 26.—The watchfulness of the men in charge of the temporary trestle over the Westfield river, on the Boston and Albany road, where the terrible wreck of Aug. 31 occurred, was the cause of averting another railroad horror yesterday. Shortly after a train had passed, three of the main supports of the structure were carried away by the breaking of the ice, and the bridge was made unsafe for passage. Trains east and west were delayed by the transfer, which had to be made by team.

Portsmouth's Stabbing Case.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Dec. 26.—In the police court Timothy Cronin, who stabbed George Alfred Turner yesterday morning, was arraigned before Judge Batchelder, charged with an assault with intent to kill. A continuance was granted until Jan. 2, so that the extent of Turner's injuries would be known. The prisoner was held in $1000, which he was unable to furnish, and the was committed to jail. Turner is gradually growing weaker and very little hopes are entertained for his recovery.

Five Big Ships For Russia.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The report that the Russian government has bought from the United States and Brazil Mail Steamship company five steamships to be used in connection with the Russian government's transcontinental railroad in Siberia is confirmed. The vessels are the Cigurana, Vigilanta, Advance, Finance and Alliance. They are all big ships, supplied with modern machinery, and the price received for the five was $1,000,000.

Summary Vengeance.

BAINBRIDGE, Ga., Dec. 26.—A big negro named Calvin Thomas entered the premises of Mr. Sellers, a Baptist minister, and when Mrs. Sellers went to milk the cows Thomas threw her down, beat her severely and outraged her. Thomas was arrested. He confessed and was placed in a guardhouse. During the night the guardhouse was broken open by unknown parties and Thomas was riddled with bullets.

Defended His Assailant.

BROCKTON, Dec. 26.—A serious stabbing affray took place near Arch and Montello streets, John Gracie receiving a bad cut on his left wrist, which severed the main artery. His assailant quickly disappeared. Faint from loss of blood, Gracie staggered into a house near by and was afterwards conveyed to the station, thence to his home. He refused to give the name of the person who stabbed him.

Waite Calls a Special Meeting.

DENVER, Dec. 26.—Governor Waite last night issued the long-talked-of call for a special session of the legislature, to meet Jan. 10, 1894. The governor justifies his proclamation by declaring that "The mining interests of the state have been unjustly and unconstitutionally attacked by congress and the present administration." He suggests many measures which he is known to advocate.

Crowd Looked On.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 26.—A telegram from Marshall, Tex., says that Pacific Express Messenger McCullough was knocked down by a negro and robbed of a package which contained from $5000 to $8000. Although the act was done while a crowd of people was present the robber escaped, and there is no clue to his identity.

Third Suicide In the Family.

YPSILANTI, Mich., Dec. 26.—With his dead wife's photograph in his hand, the body of Albert Forsythe was found dead on his bed at his boarding place here. He had committed suicide. Six years ago his brother Howard hanged himself, and six months later his brother James committed suicide.

A Mysterious Case.

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—Mrs. Ellen Murray, 85 years old, of Tremont street, Brighton, is at the point of death, suffering from an injury to the brain. She left her sister's Saturday night in good health, and Sunday morning her husband reported that she lay unconscious in bed. Investigation showed that she was the victim of an assault. The husband is suspected. She will probably die.

WANT BATTLE

Peixoto's War Vessels Will Search For Mello.

NAVAL CONFLICT WILL OCCUR IN A FEW DAYS.

Insurgents Are Manning Ships With Convicts.

PERNAMBUCO, Dec. 26.—The situation of affairs has very materially changed in this city within the last few hours. Until Christmas morning Pernambuco believed that its harbor was to be the scene of the first big naval battle between the Republica, Admiral Mello's best warship, and the Aquidaban, her companion, on the one side, and the Nictheroy, President Peixoto's dynamite gun cruiser, on the other.

This belief was amply justified by the report received a few days ago that the Republica and the Aquidaban had been seen off the Brazilian coast, headed northward, and apparently bound for Pernambuco, as if to take the Nictheroy by surprise and compel her to fight without a chance of putting to sea.

The news received here yesterday changed the whole aspect of affairs. The rebel warships, it is learned, were not on their way to Pernambuco, but had sailed toward the mountainous and rugged island of Fernando de Noronha, where there is a large convict settlement. This island, despite its ruggedness, possesses considerable fertility, and its several harbors, defended by forts, would enable Mello to make a vigorous resistance of the attacking party.

Mello Wants Fighters.

The revolutionary admiral's object in going to Fernando de Noronha, which is over 100 miles from the main coast of Brazil, is to compel as many able-bodied convicts as he can find in the settlement to go aboard his vessels and join their crews. It is said that he expects to secure not less than 1000 men in this way.

Upon receipt of this news aboard the Nictheroy there was great activity noticeable. Members of the crew were sent ashore in small boats to search through the town for such of the Nictheroy's men as had been allowed leave to land to hurry them back to the vessel.

The Nictheroy's commander had apparently received instructions as to how he should act in such an emergency, and these instructions, it is believed, were to the effect that if he became convinced that the coming to Pernambuco of the Republica and the Aquidaban proved to be untrue, and that these vessels, instead of starting, were evading fight, he should lose no further time, but put to sea at once and force them into a naval contest for superiority.

Now For a Fight.

This view of the case proved to be correct, for yesterday afternoon, when all of the men belonging to the Nictheroy's crew had been gotten aboard, she steamed out to sea and pointed her nose for the northwest. The Nictheroy's destination is the island of Fernando de Noronha.

If this information is correct, the long expected sea battle between the revolutionists and the government war vessels will in all probability be fought within a short time.

Highly Sensational Suicide.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 26.—Mlle. Michailova, a favorite danseuse of the Imperial theater, invited a party of friends to supper. While they were all seated at the table the hostess arose hurriedly, in a few brief, sharp words bid farewell to her guests, swallowed a dose of poison and fell dead before her horrified friends.

Was an Old Wall Street Man.

DANBURY, Conn., Dec. 26.—Andrew Hull, an old and respected citizen of this city, died at his home here yesterday afternoon. He was a well-known figure on Wall street and in the produce exchange, New York, of which he was a member. In his day he was known as a daring speculator.

A Refuge For Criminals.

LITTLE ROCK, Dec. 26.—Governor Fishback has written a letter to President Cleveland complaining of the fact that Indian territory is an asylum for dangerous criminals of all kinds. He cites developments in the recent train robbery and murder at Oliphant in support of his statements.

Battleship In a Bad Fix.

QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 26.—The British battleship Resolution, which was damaged during a severe gale in the Bay of Biscay on her voyage to Gibraltar, was compelled to put back into this port, as she rolled terribly for three days. Her hull is badly strained and she must be docked for repairs.

Chewed Up by a Dog.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 26.—A large Newfoundland dog in resenting a kick from 14-year-old James Collins of Covington literally chewed him to pieces. A crowd of more than 1000 looked on without the courage to interfere. A policeman finally lassoed and shot the animal. The boy will die.

Old Newspaper Man Dead.

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 26.—Major Clarence M. Barton, one of the best known newspaper men in the northwest, formerly connected with newspapers in Washington and Philadelphia, is dead. He was one of the founders of the Knights of Pythias.

Brought Joy to Children.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. 26.—The Kamp Kumfort klub, an organization of local business men, entertained 1400 children under 12 years of age last evening. After a short musical entertainment $1000 worth of presents were given away.

Earthquake In Pennsylvania.

HUNTINGTON, Pa., Dec. 26.—A very perceptible shock of earthquake was felt in this section early yesterday morning. It was sufficient to awaken many persons from their slumber.

Bad Man With a Gun.

ENTERPRISE, Miss., Dec. 26.—At a negro dance here last evening liquor was freely drunk and a row resulted. Paul Dumas seriously wounded five persons who were in range of him.

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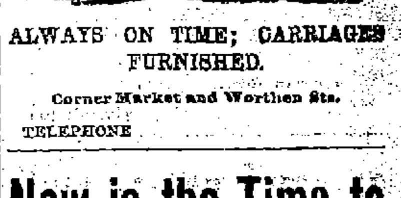

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...mmen with "fixin's" were ...mates of the Tewksbury alms-...

...of this city has been ... privileges com- ... division, L. A. W.

... practice, Col. W. L. ... be retired on Satur- ... will become a brigade officer.

... annual clearance sale of J. J. ... this week. Call ... Prescott street and see the ...

... has tendered Gov. elect ... of his staff to accom- ... house on the day of ...

... meeting of the N. E. base- ... for Jan. 18 in Boston. ... the story that Low- ...

... is confined to his ... attack of the grip and ... the services of Sunday ... interrupted.

... the children of the ... gifts from charitable ... The gifts were very ... it is needless to state that ... were delighted with them.

... sanctuaries of the differ- ... emblazoned with bun- ... and adorned with beautiful ... plants yesterday, pre- ... that for brilliancy is sel- ... this city.

...Finnegan distributed 100 tur- ... many pairs of shoes to the ... neighborhood on Christmas ... families were made happy by ... of relief in the form ... gifts.

...term, Supt. Collins did all ... make the day a pleasant one ... Special privileges were ... and a fine dinner of roast ... pastry was served. At the ... were treated similarly.

... Street Sunday school held ... Christmas entertainment at the ... evening. Nearly all the chil- ... Sunday school were present, ... received a present from the ... was arested and ...

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...ment of Miss Whithed of ... Morton of the same town is ... Whithed has many warm ... who unite in congratula-...

... club is to hold a series of ... entertainments. Gov- ... lecture, there will be ... readings, a lecture upon the ... and a concert.

... Carmichael of Rolfe street ... of Providence are to re- ... afternoon and even- ... be no cards, but their ... welcomed.

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At the men's branch of the People's club a successful entertainment was given Saturday night.

Lester's next monthly reception, Dec. 27th, at which time new arrangements for classes will be announced.

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It is reported that the Fort hill park syndicate expects to sell the city $150,000 worth more of the park land, next year.

The greatest favor you can confer on friends is to give them your photo. The place to get photos taken is at Marion's, Barrister's hall.

In favor of an Australian ballot for nominating the speaker, 110 members of the incoming house of representatives have come out.

Miss Mary Brennan, table girl at 22 Massachusetts corporation was presented a gold ring by the boarders on Saturday, Mr. George Paige making the presentation.

The anniversary ball committee of the Mathew Temperance Institute met Sunday and elected M. J. Manning, general manager; John S. Rourk, floor director, and John J. Burns treasurer of the ball.

The death rate last week was 19.1, against 16 and 25 for the preceding two weeks. There were 30 deaths, one each from typhoid and scarlet fever. There were 6 cases of typhoid and 5 of scarlet fever reported.

Up in Lowell they don't puzzle and harass womankind with white-painted posts along the streets, and that alone. They have little disks hung along the street at intervals with the sign plainly painted on them: "Cars stop here."—Globe.

An interesting meeting of the Lowell Reform club was held Sunday night. Addresses were made by George N. Gardner, Joseph McDonald, Dennis J. Ring, Alvin Joy, Henry Hatch, Frank P. Stack, William Wentworth and President Bowers.

School Board Meeting.

The election of a principal of the Training school will be the chief business at the school board meeting tomorrow evening. The committee on penmanship and drawing has been instructed to report on the visits of the teacher of penmanship to the day schools.

The Central Labor Union.

At a meeting of the Central Labor union held Sunday, Chairman Cryan of the relief committee reported that the church league would confer with the committee in its work to assist the needy. Mr. Connelly stated that he would not be a candidate for re-election to the position of recording secretary, and for re-election to other offices which he now holds. He will, however, continue to act as earnestly as ever in behalf of the cause of labor.

POLICE JOTTINGS.

The liquor officers made two raids yesterday. In Daly's block a small quantity of whiskey was taken from Pierre Fortier. Some liquor was also taken from the premises of Mrs. McNally, 174 Lawrence street.

A man named Philip Curtis was arrested Saturday night by Officer Corcoran for alleged larceny. It is claimed that Curtis snatched a watch from Mrs. Carey as she was entering her house on Middlesex street.

There were many drunks arrested, Saturday night.

A SUPPOSED ELOPEMENT.

Young People Disappeared But They Had Little Cash Between Them.

A case of what appeared to be an elopement was reported to Agent Drury of the Humane society on Saturday, and he investigated it, in company with a SUN reporter. It seemed that Louisa Ward, living at 86 Perry street, left home the day before after drawing $3.77 due her for work in the Hamilton mills, and taking her wearing appearel. James Robert Sutherland, who had done a little work at the electric light station also had drawn $5.50 was also missing. He had been entertained at the same house for some time past, he not having paid board or room rent because of his inability to get work.

He was known to the people of the house who are relatives of the missing girl, the parents of each being neighbors in Halifax. Sutherland had worked in Lynn and Boston, and was about 20 years of age. The girl is 16 years.

According to the story reported to Mr. Drury the couple had become quite intimate, although every effort was made to keep the girl away from Sutherland. They are thought to be in Boston. The case was also reported at the police station.

A SAD AFFLICTION.

Death Enters the Home of Mr. Harrigan and Robs It of a Loved Parent.

Sunday, when all the people of our city were preparing for the celebration of the great feast of Christmas; when joy reigned everywhere supreme; sadness entered the dwelling of one of Lowell's young and most respected citizens.

Scarcely had the services in our churches concluded, when the body of Mr. John Harrigan, father of School Committeeman George Harrigan, was taken from the icy waters of the Wamesit canal, to Undertaker O'Donnell's.

So far as can be learned, Mr. Harrigan, who is 72 years old, left his home on Linden street, Saturday evening and started for the home of his son, Mr. Wm. Harrigan, on Central street. He carried Christmas presents to his grandchildren and he sat and played with them for some time. He laughed and talked with the children and their pleasant surprise at the offerings of their grandpa, made him feel happy. He left them and started for his own home on Linden street; but he never reached there alive.

As the evening passed by his family began to feel anxious and made inquiries about him, but could learn nothing of his whereabouts since leaving his grandchildren. Diligent search was kept. Saturday night, but no tidings came to tell of the old man's whereabouts.

Sunday morning his hat was found on the bank of the canal on Lawrence street, near Kendall's mills and just above Chase's and Faulkner's mills.

The awful thought then occurred that probably he had been drowned, and so the canal was drawn off and the bed searched. At noon the remains were found in vicinity of Kendall's mills. Dr. Irish was sent for and he placed the remains in charge of Undertaker O'Donnell. No one ... understand how the drowning occurred. ... good health and was ...

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A large attendance was present Sunday at the meeting in Huntington hall, for the purpose of forming a plan to benefit the poor of Lowell.

At three o'clock the Symphony orchestra, which had volunteered its services, played an opening selection and the speakers and others took seats on the platform. Among them were: Gov.-elect F. T. Greenhalge, Hon. Geo. A. Marden, Mayor Pickman, President J. L. Chalifoux and Secretary J. T. Smith of the board of trade, Rev. W. H. Thomas, Rev. F. O. Hall, Rev. G. H. Johnson, and Rev. R. A. Greene, A. C. Russell, T. H. Elliott, Geo. W. Batchelder, president of the Church league, R. M. Boutwell and others.

President Chalifoux of the Board of Trade called to order, and in a few well chosen remarks introduced the presiding officer, Gov.-elect Greenhalge, who was enthusiastically received. Rev. R. A. Greene was then introduced and he offered an eloquent prayer, invoking the divine blessing on the disposition to give and on the generous hearts ready to give relief.

Gov.-elect Greenhalge was the first speaker. He referred to Christmastide and the necessity of taking timely measures to relieve those in need, stating previously that our city had not suffered in the same proportion as some others. In conclusion he said: We have passed through many a crisis and always with success. It is pleasant to have all organizations meet and take measures to avoid the impending trouble. It is important always to practice economy, self-denial. We have had too much feasting in our community, too much frivolity and idle display. The first lesson from adversity is to live wisely, temperately, frugally, honestly.

The situation can be met wisely. There is no occasion for despair. We need intelligent help, sympathy, loving-kindness.

The other speakers were Rev. Dr. Thomas, Rev. Frank O. Hall, Rev. Dr. Seymour, Hon. George A. Marden, all of whom spoke eloquently and earnestly on the situation and the need of a united effort to relieve the poor.

During the exercises the orchestra varied the proceedings with a few well rendered selections, while Miss May Donnelly one of Lowell's most talented readers entertained the audience with Dickens' beautiful selection "Tiny Tim" and receiving encores rendered other entertaining readings.

Towards the end of the meeting a collection was taken up, the amount of which is announced below.

Rev. Mr. Hall requested that applications for assistance be sent to the Ministry-at-Large, Rev. G. C. Wright or to the committee of seven.

The meeting closed with benediction by Rev. Mr. Johnson.

Response of the Churches.

Christmas and relief Sunday were observed at all the Protestant churches Sunday, when collections were taken up for the poor.

At the Unitarian church, cards were passed and $327.40 taken in cash and pledges. Further contributions may be sent to Ralph F. Brazer, treasurer.

Hon. George A. Marden addressed the congregation at the First Universalist church on the condition of the poor. A collection was taken up which amounted to $200.

At the Highland church A. G. Walsh, Chas. R. Talbot and E. S. Foss made addresses. The pastor, Rev. Merriam, spoke on the needs of our poor. Pledges were circulated.

At the First Presbyterian church $30 was collected.

The collection at St. Paul's church netted $31.

The other churches also had collections as is shown below:

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Kirk street church	438.00
Central M. E. church	25.00
Shattuck street church	150.00
Unitarian	327.40
First Universalist	200.00
First Baptist	67.53
Westminster Presbyterian	13.50
High Street	480.00
John Street	60.00
First Presbyterian	30.00
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Bloodhounds on the Trail.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 26.—Bloodhounds were yesterday turned loose on the trail of the murderer of John Waterson, the colored policeman, Saturday night. The murderer was wounded, and the bloodhounds were taken to the spot and immediately found a scent. It is believed that the murderer will be captured.

Whistles In the Army.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Major General Schofield has approved that part of the new tactics providing for officers giving commands, under certain circumstances, by whistles instead of by word of mouth. The whistles are to be placed in the cross-pieces of the guards of the swords.

No Compromise.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The rumor to the effect that the suit of Miss Madeline V. Pollard against Representative Breckinridge for $50,000 for breach of promise will be compromised and settled outside of court is denied by those who are intimate with both parties.

HAPPY HEARTS

How Practical Christains Obeyed Christ's Word.

GOV.-ELECT AND MRS. GREENHALGE BROKE BREAD

And Clothed Many Little Boys and Girls.

The good book says "Inasmuch as ye do it for the least of these, ye do it unto me," and it seemed as if Governor-elect Greenhalge and Mrs. Greenhalge and several friends were literally carrying out the scriptural commandment, not so much for the command itself as for the happiness it would bring to many little ones.

Upwards of sixty little ones were entertained from 3.30 to 5.30 yesterday afternoon in Post 42 G. A. R. hall. They were the children of worthy people, who otherwise would not have known of the goodness of the holiday.

To a SUN reporter who called in upon the merry gathering Mr. Greenhalge said: "The idea of this party is an original notion of Mrs. Greenhalge's. Each Christmas eve it was the practice of her mother to have the family gather at her house and there the Christmas tree was planted and the presents distributed. Last January she died, and in order to honor her memory Mrs. Greenhalge decided to do away with the customary family Christmas tree and conduct this party as a substitute. Mrs. Greenhalge is managing the whole affair; she likes benevolent work and feels exceedingly happy when doing a charitable deed. I am here simply as an auxiliary to assist her in any way I am able."

Mr. Greenhalge was in good cheer and was delighted at seeing the children enjoying themselves. Agent Drury was also present and assisted in the entertaining as did also Mrs. James E. Nesmith, Mrs. Joseph A. Nesmith, Miss Mary Robinson, Miss Winsby, Miss Julia D. Nesmith, Miss Nancy Robbins of the Day Nursery and Mrs. Burke. Besides being dined, the children also received presents from the large Christmas tree, that stood upon the platform. Each boy received a new suit of clothes, and each little girl received a new dress.

It is hardly necessary to describe the merry little time the boys and girls had in the hall, and how happy they looked as they departed for their homes. It seemed an exemplification of another oft quoted scriptural line, "It is more blessed to give than receive."

OUR THEATRES.

OPERA HOUSE—The holiday attraction was something out of the usual line, dramatically speaking, as managers endeavor as far as possible to book light comedies or farces for holiday bills, as it happens that people go to be amused on holidays rather than mentally exercised if such a term may be used. The dramatization of Dickens' great work, David Copperfield, would naturally attract, firstly students of the great author and after them all lovers of legitimate drama, and lastly those who are bound to go to theatre anyway. So it happens that the revival of "Little Em'ly" was greeted by large audiences, afternoon and evening, but audiences who were not entirely satisfied with the drama. The reason is obvious, there is little uproarious hilarity, farcical situations or song and dance action in "Little Em'ly" to please the upper part of the house, at least, and a good sprinkling of the orchestra and family circle. Those who witnessed the drama, knowing what they were to expect, however, were satisfied, overlooking several unfortunate conditions, which made the matinee a somewhat improved dress rehearsal. The company was an excellent one, but as this was the first public performance, the piece did not run as smoothly as could be wished. However, where the company was letter perfect the piece was a delight from a student's point of view.

Mr. Thayer as Wilkins Micawber was excellent throughout, an impersonation such as Dickens so wonderfully describes. Mr. George A. Schiller as Uriah Heep, the 'umble man, was really a character study which could scarcely be improved upon. Harry Meredith as Dan'l Peggotty, the old salt, was the life of the piece, a whole-souled, rough codger, who seemed to speak from his heart and to take the audience into his joys and sorrows. Mr. Clark as Ham Peggotty, was good. Of the other male characters Mr. Cushing's dancing pleased the upper house.

Miss Maud Banks in dual roles, was seen at her best in emotional acting, and outside of an inclination to over do at times she deserved the applause so generously bestowed. Miss Julia Bachelder, as Little Em'ly, made her first appearance in emotional work. Taking this into consideration she did nicely, especially in the first act. Miss Marie Falls as Agnes, Miss Swanston as Mrs. Micawber, and Miss Anderson as Betsey were good.

The scenery was good, although it was poorly handled. Had the piece run smoothly (the improvement in the evening was especially noticeable), it would have satisfied nearly every one and pleased those interested in Dickens. The drama is to be repeated tonight, tomorrow afternoon and evening.

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HOLIDAY SUGGESTIONS.

Most folks will give necessities this year. Times have been hard. Stores of luxuries won't do much business. We carry many holiday specialties, and we are giving the sterling values that our competitors only talk about.

Ladies' Holiday Slippers,
Gent's Holiday Slippers,
Gentlemen's Holiday Suspenders,
Put up in Velvet Boxes.
Umbrellas, Handkerchiefs,
Underwear, Negligee Shirts,
Collars and Cuffs,
Hats and Caps,
Smoking Jackets, Jewelry,
Children's Ulsters,
Boys' Overcoats,
White Shirts, Night Shirts, etc.

Make an early choice. Look through while the assortment is at its best.

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Best new Mixed Nuts 15c lb, 2 lbs. 25c.
New Figs 15c per lb.
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Come in and examine our large and carefully selected stock.

The Enterprise Cash Grocery

AND TEA HOUSE.

A. W. Derbyshire & Co., Props.,

Nos. 5 and 6 Prescott Street.

A discussion which took place the other evening among a number of old smokers was as to the merits of the best Cigar and the honors easily came to

Curfew 10c. Cigar.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex, ss.

PROBATE COURT.

To the next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of Matthew Clark late of Lowell, in said county, deceased, intestate:

Whereas, application has been made to said court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased, to Patrick Fay, of Lowell, in the county of Middlesex. You are hereby cited to appear before a Probate court to be held at Lowell in said county of Middlesex, on the third Tuesday of January, A. D., 1894, at nine o'clock before noon, to show cause, if any you have, against granting the same. And the said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once a week, for three successive weeks, in the newspaper called the LOWELL DAILY SUN, printed at Lowell, the last publication to be two days, at least, before said court. Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, judge of said court, this eighteenth day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three.

S. H. FOLSOM, Register.

Best Haxall Flour

$4.75 per Barrel.

BEST No. 1 ONIONS,
75c. Per Bushel.

30 lb. PAILS JELLY,
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5 lb. PAILS JAM,
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Worst Case of Scrofula

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Before, I could do no work. I know not what to say strong enough to express my gratitude to Hood's Sarsaparilla for my perfect cure." GEORGE W. TURNER, Farmer, Galway, Saratoga county, N. Y.

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CHRISTMAS GOODS

At Young's Bargain Store,

111 CENTRAL STREET.

Last week we cleared out several large lots of desirable Christmas Goods for manufacturers and jobbers at little over half price. To make things lively this week we will offer the same at a very small profit on cost. For instance:

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3c Printed Bordered Handkerchiefs, 1c each.
8c. Plain Hemstitched and Colored Bordered Handkerchiefs, now 5c. each
12c Plain Hemstitched and Embroidered Handkerchiefs, only 8c each.
15c Embroidered and Scalloped Bordered Handkerchiefs, 10c each.
20c Handsome Embroidered Handkerchiefs 12 1-2c each.
37 1 2 Elegant Embroidered Handkerchiefs 25c each.
100 doz. Ladies' Japanese Silk Handkerchiefs, 10c each, well worth 15c. each.
75 doz. Ladies' Beautiful Embroidered Silk Handkerchiefs 12 1-2c each.
75 doz. Ladies' Japanese Silk Handkerchiefs, Mexican Borders, worth from 37 to 50c each. Your choice 25c each.
A Large Line SILK BROCADE HANDKERCHIEFS 25, 35, 49, 75c each.
10 doz. $1.50 Large white Mufflers only $1 each.
Gent's WHITE and COLORED BORDERED HEMSTITCHED HANDKERCHIEFS 5 to 25c each.

We are headquarters for Pocket Books and Shopping Bags. We carry the largest line in the city.

50c Shopping Bags now 25c each.
75c Shopping Bags for 49c each.
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$1.35 Shopping Bags for 98c each.
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Don't buy till you have seen our line; it will be money in your pocket.

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Aprons.

We carry the best, cheapest, and largest line of Aprons in Lowell.
15c White Lawn Aprons for 10c.
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A Handsome line of Embroidered Lawn and Cambric Aprons, 15, 20, 25c each.
50c Aprons for 39c; 99c Aprons now ... Half-Price.

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25c Indestructible Doll Cats, ... with Good Hair ...

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All goods sold at a big reduction ... At reduced prices we mean SPOT CASH, and it will ... quote prices on everything; space will not permit. ... will be satisfactory. For instance,

Brass Window Rod and Sockets, complete,
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17 TO 31 PRESCOTT ST.

O'Sullivan - Brothers,

MEN'S PURE GUM, ROLLED EDGE ARCTICS, $1.50.

Outwear Three Pair Ordinary Arctics.

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Many people deny themselves the pleasure of selecting gifts for their friends till the last minute. Then you should go to

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See their Assortment and Save on their ...

10c. For Pretty Neckwear for Boys ... Gold Plated pins and Initial ...

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...for TUESDAY, DEC. 26.
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...GTON, Dec. 26.—The storm has ...rom Iowa to New Brunswick, ...elocity of 58 miles an hour. Light ...snow has fallen in the lake region, ...de and upper Mississippi valleys and ... England. The temperature has ... in the Atlantic states and has gene...ly fallen elsewhere.

Forecast for Maine. New Hampshire and Vermont: Fair; cold wave; winds becoming northwesterly, increasing.

For Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut: Generally fair; northwesterly gales; cold wave.

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...E SIZE Of a newspaper is no guarantee of its excellence. The ...ants quality, not quantity, in a ...er. News that is old is not im... ...by spreading it over a large num... ...pages, where the reader must ...find it. You can read in the pad... ...eets tomorrow much of what you see ...E SUN today.

LOCAL NEWS.

...e Tower's Corner cigar.

...ey dinners with "fixin's" were given the inmates of the Tewksbury almshouse.

George H. Stevens of this city has been placed on the rights and privileges committee of the Mass. division, L. A. W.

Inspector of rifle practice, Col. W. L. Chase will probably be retired on Saturday, and later will become a brigade officer.

The third annual clearance sale of J. J. Gaynor & Co., commences this week. Call at 22, 24 and 26 Prescott street and see the bargains.

Gov. Russell has tendered Gov. elect Greenhalge a detail of his staff to accompany him to the state house on the day of his inauguration.

The annual meeting of the N. E. baseball league is called for Jan. 18 in Boston. Somebody has started the story that Low...'s to be represented.

...ev. Mr. Kenngott is confined to his ...me with a severe attack of the grip and ...that account, the services of Sunday ...ere somewhat interrupted.

On Saturday evening the children of the ...yer Home received gifts from charitable ...eople of the city. The gifts were very ...nerous, and it is needless to state that ...e little ones were delighted with them.

The altars and sanctuaries of the differ... ...churches were emblazoned with hun...ds of lights, and adorned with beautiful ...wers and potted plants yesterday, pre...enting a sight that for brilliancy is seldom excelled in this city.

Dennis T. Finnegan distributed 100 turkeys and a great many pairs of shoes to the poor of his neighborhood on Christmas eve. Many families were made happy by his dispensations of relief in the form of Christmas gifts.

At the city farm, Supt. Collins did all in his power to make the day a pleasant one for the inmates. Special privileges were ...llowed them, and a fine dinner of roast ...eef, fruit and pastry was served. At the ...l the inmates were treated similarly.

The Shattuck Street Sunday school held ...regular Christmas entertainment at the ...rch last evening. Nearly all the chil... ...of the Sunday school were present, and each child received a present from the large well that was erected and filled with gifts.

SOCIAL AFFAIRS.

Miss Howe with Miss Batchelder, Miss Fiske, Mrs. George E. Garity, Miss Bessie Hadley, Miss Hills, Miss Lydia Mansur, Miss Pickering and Miss Rose are to receive on New Year's eve at 129 Summer street.

The engagement of Miss Whithed of Nashua to Mr. Morton of the same town is announced. Miss Whithed has many warm friends in Lowell who unite in congratulations.

The Highland club is to hold a series of Sunday evening entertainments. Gov. Greenhalge will lecture, there will be Shakespearian readings, a lecture upon the World's Fair and a concert.

Col. and Mrs. Carmichael of Rolfe street and Miss Hanley of Providence are to receive on New Year's afternoon and evening. There will be no cards, but their friends will be welcomed.

The New Year's night reception of the Misses White on Gates street, will be from 8.30 to 10.30.

Mrs. H. R. Rice and Miss Abbie Gates ...ill receive from 8 till 10 at 75 Gatess treet, ...ew Year's night.

GOV.-ELECT GREENHALGE

WILL NOW PREPARE FOR HIS INAUGURATION ON JAN. 3d.

His Sign of "This is My Busy Week" Does Not Prevent a Rush of Mail Matters of Varied Sort.

Governor-elect Greenhalge arrived home from Washington Sunday afternoon. He is looking well and to a SUN reporter yesterday said that beyond being a little tired after his journey he felt first rate.

In answer to a question he said. "Yes, I will be very busy from now till inauguration day. That is expected. I am in receipt of invitations to attend balls, banquets, entertainments and parties. I really wish people would refrain from sending me these invitations now, as the serious business of the state requires my time and attention and for that reason I cannot attend these affairs at present."

And from all appearances Mr. Greenhalge meant just what he said.

A WOMAN'S BURDENS

are lightened when she turns to the right medicine. The chronic weaknesses, delicate derangements, and painful disorders that afflict her sex, are *cured* by Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. In bearing-down sensations, periodical pains, ulceration, inflammation, and every kindred ailment it's a positive remedy.

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...OT...E FUGATE.

Wall paper at 18 Church street.

If nervous, try Old Hundred cigar.

T. C. Lee, Fire Insurance, Donovan Bl'dg.

A caucus of the democratic councilmen-elect will be held this week.

Troop F cavalry holds its annual ball at Chelmsford Center, Jan. 18.

E. G. Parker, 21 E. Merr'k st., sells best Haxall flour in the world for $4.00 per bbl.

At the men's branch of the People's club a successful entertainment was given Saturday night.

Lester's next monthly reception, Dec. 27th, at which time new arrangements for classes will be announced.

Patten & Co. have the finest potted plants and cut flowers in the city, Shedd's block, Central street.

It is reported that the Fort hill park syndicate expects to sell the city $150,000 worth more of the park land, next year.

The greatest favor you can confer on friends is to give them your photo. The place to get photos taken is at Marion's, Barrister's hall.

In favor of an Australian ballot for nominating the speaker, 110 members of the incoming house of representatives have come out.

Miss Mary Brennan, table girl at 22 Massachusetts corporation was presented a gold ring by the boarders on Saturday, Mr. George Paige making the presentation.

The anniversary ball committee of the Mathew Temperance Institute met Sunday and elected M. J. Manning, general manager; John S. Rourk, floor director, and John J. Burns treasurer of the ball.

The death rate last week was 19.1, against 16 and 25 for the preceding two weeks. There were 30 deaths, one each from typhoid and scarlet fever. There were 6 cases of typhoid and 5 of scarlet fever reported.

Up in Lowell they don't puzzle and harass womankind with white-painted posts along the streets, and that alone. They have little disks hung along the street at intervals with the sign plainly painted on them: "Cars stop here."—Globe.

An interesting meeting of the Lowell Reform club was held Sunday night. Addresses were made by George N. Gardner, Joseph McDonald, Dennis J. King, Alvin Joy, Henry Hatch, Frank P. Stack, William Wentworth and President Bowers.

School Board Meeting.

The election of a principal of the Training school will be the chief business at the school board meeting tomorrow evening. The committee on penmanship and drawing has been instructed to report on the visits of the teacher of penmanship to the day schools.

The Central Labor Union.

At a meeting of the Central Labor union held Sunday, Chairman Cryan of the relief committee reported that the church league would confer with the committee in its work to assist the needy. Mr. Connelly stated that he would not be a candidate for re-election to the position of recording secretary, and for re-election to other offices which he now holds. He will, however, continue to act as earnestly as ever in behalf of the cause of labor.

POLICE JOTTINGS.

The liquor officers made two raids yesterday. In Daly's block a small quantity of whiskey was taken from Pierre Fortier. Some liquor was also taken from the premises of Mrs. McNalty, 174 Lawrence street.

A man named Philip Curtis was arrested Saturday night by Officer Corcoran for alleged larceny. It is claimed that Curtis snatched a watch from Mrs. Carey as she was entering her house on Middlesex street.

There were many drunks arrested, Saturday night.

A SUPPOSED ELOPEMENT.

Young People Disappeared, But They Had Little Cash Between Them.

A case of what appeared to be an elopement was reported to Agent Drury of the Humane society on Saturday, and he investigated it, in company with a SUN reporter. It seemed that Louisa Ward, living at 86 Perry street, left home the day before after drawing $3.77 due her for work in the Hamilton mills, and taking her wearing appearel. James Robert Sutherland, who had done a little work at the electric light station also had drawn $6.50 was also missing. He had been entertained at the same house for some time past, he not having paid board or room rent because of his inability to get work.

He was known to the people of the house who are relatives of the missing girl, the parents of each being neighbors in Halifax. Sutherland had worked in Lynn and Boston, and was about 20 years of age. The girl is 16 years.

According to the story reported to Mr. Drury the couple had become quite intimate, although every effort was made to keep the girl away from Sutherland. They are thought to be in Boston. The case was also reported at the police station.

A SAD AFFLICTION.

Death Enters the Home of Mr. Harrigan and Robs It of a Loved Parent.

Sunday, when all the people of our city were preparing for the celebration of the great feast of Christmas; when joy reigned everywhere supreme; sadness entered the dwelling of one of Lowell's young and most respected citizens.

Scarcely had the services in our churches concluded, when the body of Mr. John Harrigan, father of School Committeeman George Harrigan, was taken from the icy waters of the Wamesit canal, to Undertaker O'Donnell's.

So far as can be learned, Mr. Harrigan, who is 72 years old, left his home on Linden street, Saturday evening and started for the home of his son, Mr. Wm. Harrigan, on Central street. He carried Christmas presents to his grandchildren and he sat and played with them for some time. He laughed and talked with the children and their pleasant surprise at the offerings of their grandpa, made him feel happy. He left them and started for his own home on Linden street; but he never reached there alive.

As the evening passed by his family began to feel anxious and made inquiries about him, but could learn nothing of his whereabouts since leaving his grandchildren. Diligent search was kept. Saturday night, but no tidings came to tell of the old man's whereabouts.

Sunday morning his hat was found on the bank of the canal on Lawrence street, near Kendall's mills and just above Chase's and Faulkner's mills.

The awful thought then occurred that probably he had been drowned, and so the canal was drawn off and the bed searched.

At noon the remains were found in vicinity of Kendall's mills. Dr. Irish was sent for and he placed the remains in charge of Undertaker O'Donnell. No one can understand how the drowning occurred. Mr. Harrigan was in good health and was particularly active for a man of his years. His death is a sad blow to his family and is rendered doubly so, by the thoughts that he met death, while out on a mission to gladden the hearts of the young. The family have the sympathy of a large of friends in their sad affliction.

Dr. Cobur... ...

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

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LOWELL'S WORTHY POOR.

HOW PEOPLE WENT DOWN IN THEIR POCKETS TO HELP THEM.

Relief Meeting in Huntington Hall and Special Services in the Churches—Several Thousand Dollars Contributed.

A large attendance was present Sunday at the meeting in Huntington hall, for the purpose of forming a plan to benefit the poor of Lowell.

At three o'clock the Symphony orchestra, which had volunteered its services, played an opening selection and the speakers and others took seats on the platform. Among them were: Gov.-elect F. T. Greenhalge, Hon. Geo. A. Marden, Mayor Pickman, President J. L. Chalifoux and Secretary J. T. Smith of the board of trade, Rev. W. H. Thomas, Rev. F. O. Hall, Rev. G. H. Johnson, and Rev. R. A. Greene, A. C. Russell, T. H. Elliott, Geo. W. Batchelder, president of the Church league, R. M. Boutwell and others.

President Chalifoux of the Board of Trade called to order, and in a few well chosen remarks introduced the presiding officer, Gov.-elect Greenhalge, who was enthusiastically received. Rev. R. A. Greene was then introduced and he offered an eloquent prayer, invoking the divine blessing on the disposition to give and on the generous hearts ready to give relief.

Gov.-elect Greenhalge was the first speaker. He referred to Christmastide and the necessity of taking timely measures to relieve those in need, stating previously that our city had not suffered in the same proportion as some others. In conclusion he said: We have passed through many a crisis and always with success. It is pleasant to have all organizations meet and take measures to avoid the impending trouble. It is important always to practice economy, self-denial. We have had too much feasting in our community, too much frivolity and idle display. The first lesson from adversity is to live wisely, temperately, frugally, honestly.

The situation can be met wisely. There is no occasion for despair. We need intelligent help, sympathy, loving-kindness.

The other speakers were Rev. Dr. Thomas, Rev. Frank O. Hall, Rev. Dr. Seymour, Hon. George A. Marden, all of whom spoke eloquently and earnestly on the situation and the need of a united effort to relieve the poor.

During the exercises the orchestra varied the proceedings with a few well rendered selections, while Miss May Donnelly one of Lowell's most talented readers entertained the audience with Dickens' beautiful selection "Tiny Tim" and receiving encores rendered other entertaining readings.

Towards the end of the meeting a collection was taken up, the amount of which is announced below.

Rev. Mr. Hall requested that afflications for assistance be sent to the Ministry-at-Large, Rev. G. C. Wright or to the committee of seven.

The meeting closed with benediction by Rev. Mr. Johnson.

Response of the Churches.

Christmas and relief Sunday were observed at all the Protestant churches Sunday, when collections were taken up for the poor.

At the Unitarian church, cards were passed and $327.40 taken in cash and pledges. Further contributions may be sent to Ralph F. Brazer, treasurer.

Hon. George A. Marden addressed the congregation at the First Universalist church on the condition of the poor. A collection was taken up which amounted to $200.

At the Highland church A. G. Walsh, Chas. R. Talbot and E. S. Foss made addresses. The pastor, Rev. Merriam, spoke on the needs of our poor. Pledges were circulated.

At the First Presbyterian church $30 was collected.

The collection at St. Paul's church netted $21.

The other churches also had collections as is shown below:

Highland Congregational	$ 176.47
Kirk street church	438.00
Central M. E. church	25.00
Shattuck street church	150.00
Unitarian	327.40
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Bloodhounds on the Trail.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 26.—Bloodhounds were yesterday turned loose on the trail of the murderer of John Waterson, the colored policeman, Saturday night. The murderer was wounded, and the bloodhounds were taken to the spot and immediately found a scent. It is believed that the murderer will be captured.

Whistles In the Army.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Major General Schofield has approved that part of the new tactics providing for officers giving commands, under certain circumstances, by whistles instead of by word of mouth. The whistles are to be placed in the cross-pieces of the guards of the swords.

No Compromise.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The rumor to the effect that the suit of Miss Madeline V. Pollard against Representative Breckinridge for $50,000 for breach of promise will be compromised and settled outside of court is denied by those who are intimate with both parties.

HAPPY HEARTS

How Practical Christains Obeyed Christ's Word.

GOV.-ELECT AND MRS. GREENHALGE BROKE BREAD

And Clothed Many Little Boys and Girls.

The good book says "Inasmuch as ye do it for the least of these, ye do it unto me," and it seemed as if Governor-elect Greenhalge and Mrs. Greenhalge and several friends were literally carrying out the scriptural commandment, not so much for the command itself as for the happiness it would bring to many little ones.

Upwards of sixty little ones were entertained from 3.30 to 5.30 yesterday afternoon in Post 42 G. A. R. hall. They were the children of worthy people, who otherwise would not have known of the goodness of the holiday.

To a SUN reporter who called in upon the merry gathering Mr. Greenhalge said: "The idea of this party is an original notion of Mrs. Greenhalge's. Each Christmas eve it was the practice of her mother to have the family gather at her house and there the Christmas tree was planted and the presents distributed. Last January she died, and in order to honor her memory Mrs. Greenhalge decided to do away with the customary family Christmas tree and conduct this party as a substitute. Mrs. Greenhalge is managing the whole affair; she likes benevolent work and feels exceedingly happy when doing a charitable deed. I am here simply as an auxiliary to assist her in any way I am able."

Mr. Greenhalge was in good cheer and was delighted at seeing the children enjoying themselves. Agent Drury was also present and assisted in the entertaining as did also Mrs. James E. Nesmith, Mrs. Joseph A. Nesmith, Miss Mary Robinson, Miss Winsby, Miss Julia D. Nesmith, Miss Nancy Robbins of the Day Nursery and Mrs. Burke. Besides being dined, the children also received presents from the large Christmas tree, that stood upon the platform. Each boy received a new suit of clothes, and each little girl received a new dress.

It is hardly necessary to describe the merry little time the boys and girls had in the hall, and how happy they looked as they departed for their homes. It seemed an exemplification of another oft quoted scriptural line, "It is more blessed to give than receive."

OUR THEATRES.

OPERA HOUSE—The holiday attraction was something out of the usual line, dramatically speaking, as managers endeavor as far as possible to book light comedies or farces for holiday bills, as it happens that people go to be amused on holidays rather than mentally exercised if such a term may be used. The dramatization of Dickens' great work, David Copperfield, would naturally attract, firstly students of the great author and after them all lovers of legitimate drama, and lastly those who are bound to go to theatre anyway. So it happens that the revival of "Little Em'ly" was greeted by large audiences, afternoon and evening, but audiences who were not entirely satisfied with the drama. The reason is obvious, there is little uproarious hilarity, farcical situations or song and dance action in "Little Em'ly" to please the upper part of the house, at least, and a good sprinkling of the orchestra and family circle. Those who witnessed the drama, knowing what they were to expect, however, were satisfied, overlooking several unfortunate conditions, which made the matinee a somewhat improved dress rehearsal. The company was an excellent one, but as this was the first public performance, the piece did not run as smoothly as could be wished. However, where the company was letter perfect the piece was a delight from a student's point of view.

Mr. Thayer as Wilkins Micawber was excellent throughout, an impersonation such as Dickens so wonderfully describes. Mr. George A. Schiller as Uriah Heep, the 'umble man, was really a character study which could scarcely be improved upon. Harry Meredith as Dan'l Peggotty, the old salt, was the life of the piece, a whole-souled, rough codger, who seemed to speak from his heart and to take the audience into his joys and sorrows. Mr. Clark as Ham Peggotty, was good. Of the other male characters Mr. Cushing's dancing pleased the upper house.

Miss Maud Banks in dual roles, was seen at her best in emotional acting, and outside of an inclination to over do at times she deserved the applause so generously bestowed. Miss Julia Bachelder, as Little Em'ly, made her first appearance in emotional work. Taking this into consideration she did nicely, especially in the first act. Miss Marie Falls as Agnes, Miss Swanston, as Mrs. Micawber, and Miss Anderson as Betsey were good.

The scenery was good, although it was poorly handled. Had the piece run smoothly (the improvement in the evening was especially noticeable), it would have satisfied nearly every one and pleased those interested in Dickens. The drama is to be repeated tonight, tomorrow afternoon and evening.

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PROBATE COURT.

To the next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of Matthew Clark late of Lowell, in said county, deceased, intestate:

Whereas, application has been made to said court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased, to Patrick Fay, of Lowell, in the county of Middlesex. You are hereby cited to appear before a Probate court to be held at Lowell in said county of Middlesex, on the third Tuesday of January, A. D. 1894, at nine o'clock before noon, to show cause, if any you have, against granting the same; And the said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once a week, for three successive weeks, in the newspaper called the LOWELL DAILY SUN, printed at Lowell, the last publication to be two days, at least, before said court. Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, judge of said court, this eighteenth day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three.

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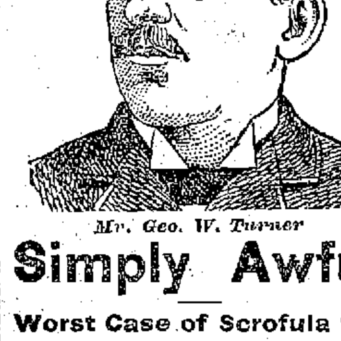

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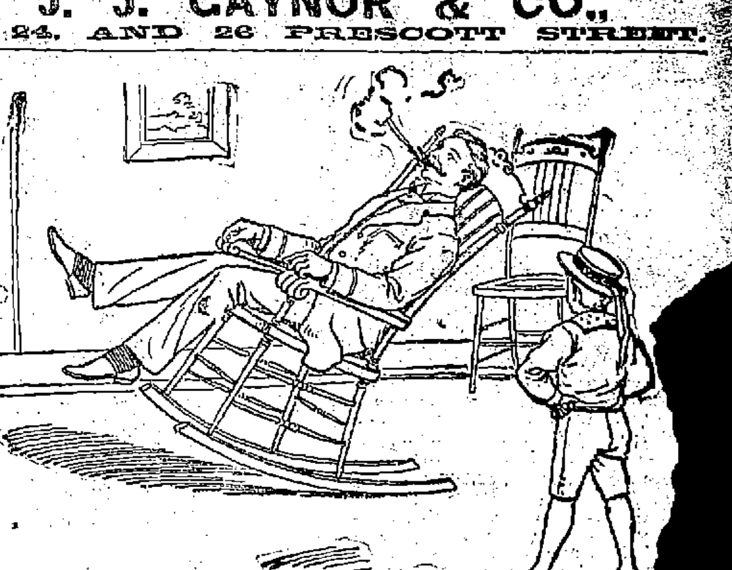

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